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CLERK OF THE  
COUNTY OF HAWAII

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Office of the County Clerk, Hawaii  
Mr. Jon Henricks  
25 Aupuni Street, Suite 1402  
Hilo, HI 96720

Dear Mr. Henricks:

On March 19, 2025, the Election Commission established a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG), which is tasked with obtaining documentation validating complaints received regarding ballot count irregularities. It is also tasked with obtaining documentation from the County Clerk and the Office of Elections to counter the complaints and/or to explain the inconsistencies. That information is to be forwarded to the full Election Commission, then discussed and acted upon at a subsequent meeting. Once the Commission can verify the integrity of the election procedures, the complaints can be put to rest.

We have a letter to the Commission from Scott Nago dated March 17 (enclosed) in which he states that the checks and balances that ensure election integrity may not be apparent to observers. He states that those checks might have occurred earlier, or they might be applied later. With all due respect to all officials, that is an insufficient and unacceptable explanation. There is no point in having observers if they cannot observe all the steps in the process and if the logic of those steps is not apparent. It is not enough for Mr. Nago to say, "Our election officials work with the utmost integrity and dignity to ensure secure and accurate elections." As the saying goes, "Trust, but verify." We are attempting to verify the accuracy of the 2024 general election, and we need more documentation.

Most essential to our inquiry are the daily records of the number of ballot envelopes received by the County, the number verified, and the number transferred to the Counting Center. The daily accounts will enable us to confirm that the chain of custody was not violated. Mr. Nago states on page 3 of his March 17 letter that these "forms" (his quotes) are electronic, compiled as the County Clerk interacts with the statewide voter registration system. If that is the case, they are not visible to observers and cannot be verified. That in itself is a red flag. You cannot claim to honor transparency and accountability if only the County Clerk is privy to this information.

This Permitted Interaction Group is made up of Commissioner Peter Young, Chair, Commissioner Anita Aquino, and Lindsay Kamm, Kauai resident and election observer. We respectfully ask that you forward the following to our emails listed below by April 30:

1. Records of the daily count of ballot envelopes collected from drop boxes and the USPS.
2. Transfer records of ballot envelopes from the County to the State.

3. Statewide Voter Registration System records showing the daily number of ballot envelopes that were signature verified.
4. Daily logs that were used to compile over/under reports.

Sincerely,

Peter Young

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Anita Aquino

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Lindsay Kamm

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Enclosure:

Letter from Mr. Nago to Election Commission, dated March 17, 2025