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General Counsel
Federal Elections Commission
999 E Street, NW
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Official Complaint - Friedheim for Senate, FRIEDHEIM, JAY ID S8HI00103, Let's Go Forward, WARD, GENE R
ID: H8HI01135

Dear Sirs,

I was a Republican Candidate for the Primary election last year for the US Senate seat for Hawaii I have filed all my required reports on time and completely. One of my opponents Republican Jay Friedheim filed only up to 48 hour reports last September, 1998 and then stopped filing

I happen to know that he spent much more than the \$5000 threshold for being a Federal Candidate who is obligated to file full disclosures of campaign finances and expenditures. For the last two weeks of the campaign his campaign placed ads in the Honolulu Star Bulletin and the Honolulu Advertiser, through the Hawaii Newspaper Agency of Honolulu, and even had many small ads running from the period of September 20 up until the general election in November despite the fact that he only came in second

This man is a lawyer running for Federal Office and so is obligated to obey Federal Law in his reporting requirements. I have no objection to anyone spending his own money to come in second, he just has to report it to fulfill the law. The people of Hawaii are entitled to have that information available

Also, a US House Candidate by the name of Gene Ward who ran as a Republican in District #1 - HI is not responding to letters from the FEC regarding one contribution that was in excess of that allowed by law for the 1998 elections, and in his reports there are many contributions that were received after the primary, that were used just for the general election.

Here are the violations.

Pre-general Contributions Page 3 One man \$1000 primary, \$1000 general both dated 10/10/98
Post-general Contributions Page 1 \$1500 for general; Page 2 \$2000 contributions from 2 people for the general election, one has both elections checked; Page 3 Contribution for \$1100; Page 4 Contributions for \$1200, and \$2000; Page 8 Contribution for \$2000; and Page 15 Contribution of \$500 and \$1000 the same person. These excess contributions were NOT refunded or reattributed according to the FEC records It is illegal and unethical for his campaign to take advantage of these people who want to help but are ignorant of Federal Law.

Mr. Ward's last report was for the End of Year 1998, and did NOT file the Mid-Year report for 1999, so he has stopped filing with the FEC. When Republican candidates violate the law, it besmirches other Republican Candidates who do their best to fulfill the requirements of the law when they run for Public Office. I am just a college teacher, my wife a homemaker and student We feel that those that run for public office should be obligated to obey the laws that protect all of us.

If people run for federal office, whatever their party they are obligated to obey Federal Law, and even though he is in my political party, I have an obligation to report violations when I see them, particularly when my opponent is a lawyer.

When our Democrat Opponents fulfill the reporting requirements, and we Republicans run to replace them, it is our obligation to obey the law while we attempt to unseat them, whatever the result of the elections. Thank you very much The contents of this complaint are true to the best of my knowledge

Sincerely,

Eugene F. Douglass
Sworn before Notary Public 9/20/99

Subscribed and sworn before me on this twentieth day of September, 1999

Notary Public State of Hawaii

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