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Honorable Linda Lingle
Governor
State Of Hawaii
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Governor Lingle:

I am writing to urge you to sign HB 661, the publicly-financed election bill. Many citizens, including members of the League, worked hard this session to get this bill passed and, at the end of the session, unencumbered with extraneous issues. We believe the time has come to try a genuinely publicly funded election. We are fortunate that Hawaii County volunteered to be the test case.

Some people complain that it would be too expensive but the money is already there, set aside for this purpose. It will not be money taken from other worthwhile programs.

We know the system not only works in Arizona, but is widely popular. So, please, let Hawaii have a chance to try it.

Sincerely yours,

Jacqueline Parnell, President
League of Women Voters of Hawaii