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OBJECTION TO BALLOT PROOF

I hereby object to the ballot proof and request a written explanation of how the ballot conforms to HRS §12-21.

HRS §12-21 provides in relevant part:

"The name of each party and the nonpartisan designation shall be distinctly printed and sufficiently separate from each other."

The statute further provides:

"When separate ballots for each party are not used, the order in which parties appear on the ballot, including nonpartisan, shall be determined by lot."

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"The name of each party and the nonpartisan designation shall be distinctly printed and sufficiently separate from each select one political preference and presents:

- NONPARTISAN BALLOT (N)
- Libertarian Party (L)
- Green Party (G)
- Republican Party (R)

- Democratic Party (D)

The Office of Elections has stated that the Nonpartisan Ballot is not a political party.

However, the ballot proof places the Nonpartisan Ballot within the same list of political preferences as recognized political parties and places the Nonpartisan Ballot in the first position.

Further, the subsequent ballot page containing nonpartisan contests does not prominently display the designation "NONPARTISAN BALLOT (N)," creating uncertainty regarding the relationship between the initial political preference selection and the later ballot sections.

Accordingly, I respectfully request answers to the following questions:

1. How does the ballot proof comply with HRS §12-21's requirement that "the name of each party and the nonpartisan designation shall be distinctly printed and sufficiently separate from each other"?
2. If the Nonpartisan Ballot is not a political party, why is it presented in the same political preference selection area as recognized political parties?
3. How is the Nonpartisan Ballot "sufficiently separate" from the political parties when all appear in the same list under a single political preference instruction?
4. How is an ordinary voter expected to distinguish between a political party and the nonpartisan designation from the face of the ballot proof?
5. Why is the Nonpartisan Ballot listed first among the available political preference selections?
6. HRS §12-21 provides that the order in which parties appear on the ballot, including nonpartisan, shall be determined by lot. When was the lot conducted? Who conducted it? Who witnessed it? Where are the records documenting that process?
7. What voter-confusion analysis, usability testing, or review was conducted before approval of the ballot proo`f?
8. How is a voter expected to understand that the nonpartisan contests appearing later in the ballot correspond to the "NONPARTISAN BALLOT (N)" designation selected on the initial page when that designation does not appear on the subsequent page?
9. What statutory authority supports the current ballot layout and presentation?

10. Please identify the specific findings made by the Chief Election Officer in determining that the ballot proof conforms to HRS §12-21.

This objection seeks clarification regarding statutory compliance, ballot design, and voter understanding. It requests a written explanation demonstrating how the ballot proof conforms to HRS §12-21 and how voter confusion is avoided.

Respectfully submitted,

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