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The Honorable Clare E. Connors
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RE: **Alert to Serious AG Dept. Problem of Protecting Corrupt Elected Officials
Request for Action on Long-Pending Criminal Complaints re Kym Pine et al**

Dear Attorney General Connors:

Today, I am making my seventh and possibly final plea to the Department of the Attorney General in hopes that your office will finally prosecute corrupt public official Kymberly Pine and her state employee co-conspirators for theft of at least \$150,000 from the State of Hawaii.

Led by Pine, these conspirators -- *Pine's State Capitol government employees who functioned daily as Pine's campaign workers* -- illegally and systematically utilized her State Capitol office for years as Pine's de facto political campaign headquarters.

In addition, Pine's campaign committee deliberately filed multiple false reports to the State Campaign Spending Commission (*for Pine's political committee and multiple other committees that she controlled*) which totally omitted the value of stolen in-kind contributions from the State of Hawaii.

I first reported these shocking and fully documented crimes to then AG David Louie in September 2011. Subsequently, I have provided this same complaint and evidence to each of Louie's successors Suzuki, Chin and also to you along with my earnest plea to 'do something'.

However, to date, nothing has been done. Like the other politicians whose crimes I have reported to your office (along with mountains of evidence) such as Pine's thieving and perjuring successor on the 2021-2025 Honolulu City Council and Pine's thieving and perjuring predecessor on the 2011-2013 City Council, Pine has gone unprosecuted -- *not even arrested* -- for both the Rene Mansho-style theft and the deliberately false reporting to the State Campaign Spending Commission (CSC), which as I mentioned above omits how much she illegally received in in-kind contributions from the State of Hawaii by illegally using her State Capitol office as her campaign headquarters and to illegally divert state resources to Pine's other political interests.

As my whistleblower complaints have made clear, with an estimated \$150,000 in theft that I personally witnessed, **Pine easily stole more than twice as much as Mansho**, who went to prison for one year, was on probation for five years, and had to pay back \$65,000 to taxpayers. Pine, on the

contrary, has been allowed to run for office by your department all this time and continues to collect paychecks from taxpayers -- *and will probably receive a taxpayer-funded government pension and benefits for life* -- because it appears that people in your department (perhaps longtime deputy AGs and department investigators) are protecting Pine and her co-conspirators from prosecution.

Your website explicitly promises that “criminal justice” includes going after “public corruption”. But only the Feds seem interested in draining the swamp here in my home state. So when your department is handed a "public corruption" complaint and evidence on a silver platter yet chooses to look the other way, it's arguably no wonder that Hawaii has to rely on the Feds to fly thousands of miles to our shores to do your department's job of actually dealing with proven corruption. This longstanding reality suggests that Hawaii's public corruption problems in law enforcement agencies are not limited to the Kealoha's and their thugs at the county level. Maybe the office of the top law enforcement officer in Hawaii and her employees need some scrutiny by the Feds?

Anyway, the evidence I have been providing to your department is overwhelming and irrefutable. I hope you'll finally get around to arresting and prosecuting those involved with Pine and her criminal schemes against taxpayers. To this end, as part of my final plea for criminal justice in this matter, please find enclosed a CD-ROM containing my original complaint letter along with a 1,500+ page PDF (bookmarked with captions throughout) containing the evidence I originally provided to AG Louie. I've uncovered even more evidence since then, but I won't bother to waste any time providing additional evidence if your department remains ostensibly committed to protecting Pine from justice. Such commitment has been clear to me several times over the years. One messenger from the AG's office, investigator John Woo (reportedly the former head of the SHOPO union), actually came to my home and told me at my own front door -- *as I handed him a CD-ROM of this same evidence against Pine and her co-conspirators and clearly expressed the need for justice* -- **“We're not going after Kym Pine. We're coming after you.”** Then Mr. Woo drove off, presumably back to Deputy AG David Williams' office to further discuss how to 'get' me and how to keep Pine off the AG's docket.



In addition to prosecuting Pine and her fellow thieves and fraudsters, I sincerely hope you'll finally do something to get the taxpayers' money back. You really need to get restitution from Pine as was done in the case of Rene Mansho.

Yesterday, I submitted this same criminal complaint and evidence to your newly-created fraud, waste and abuse hotline via e-mail to anti-fraud@hawaii.gov. Maybe this new hotline will make a difference. Maybe not. Hopefully, this hotline isn't staffed by the same people in your department who've apparently been actively protecting Pine from inside your office all these years.

Finally, the unpunished conspiracies to defraud taxpayers and to deceive the CSC continue to this very day, while Pine and her co-conspirators continue to get away with their crimes.

Taxpayers like me sincerely hope that you and your predecessors have **not** been actively trying to protect corrupt public officials like Pine. From my vantage point, based on your department's inaction all this time, it's entirely reasonable to perceive it that politics dictates how Hawaii laws are enforced.

I've repeatedly provided your office with a mountain of evidence that Pine knowingly and regularly abused the power of her office and exploited her position for personal and political benefit along with her co-conspirators. So, **why** are you and deputy AG Williams from your department's Criminal Justice division and his flunkie John Woo ignoring all of this evidence to this very day?? Why hasn't Pine already been sentenced to two years in prison, ten years of probation, and forced to reimburse taxpayers \$150,000 for stealing twice as much as Rene Mansho and lying to the CSC about it? These are some very serious questions for the top law enforcement officer in Hawaii.

AG Connors, I have endured a lot of well-publicized and unpublicized flak for quitting Team Pine and exposing that cesspool of corruption. Kym Pine really **is** a crook. So, surely a powerful person like you can resist the political pressure from both inside and outside your department long enough to get justice for taxpayers by putting an end to the AG's unjust treatment of Pine as being above the law. Can't you? Now's your chance to show that you and your team really and truly care about "public corruption".

Thanks for your hopefully urgent attention to these still pressing matters of justice.

Mahalo,

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