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Dawn Szewczyk, Chair  
Honolulu Charter Commission

**Re: Testimony on Proposal P267 (Charter Commission)**

My name is Brian Black. I am Executive Director of Public First Law Center, a nonprofit that promotes government transparency. I write in **support** of proposal P267, concerning the Charter Commission, and suggesting a further consideration.

Proposal P267 would amend the Charter to administratively attach the Charter Commission to a specific office or agency other than the Department of the Corporation Counsel.

As part of this proposal, the Commission should consider whether the Charter Commission should be a persistent commission, rather than meeting every ten years. In 2016, Kaua`i County adopted a persistent Charter Review Commission. Kaua`i County Charter art. XXIV, § 24.03. That Charter Review Commission does not need to scramble every ten years to reconstitute itself and has more time and resources to thoughtfully consider proposals.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of proposal P267.