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Official Statement from For A Better Tomorrow

For A Better Tomorrow represents working people across Hawai'i and supports candidates we believe will provide effective, accountable leadership and help move our state forward. Our activities are conducted fully independently of candidates and their campaigns, as required by law. No candidate or campaign directs, coordinates or controls our communications or spending.

Our funding is straightforward: the Hawai'i Carpenters Union and responsible contractors that respect their workers' rights contribute through a collectively bargained industry program that supports advocacy on behalf of working families.

Claims that the candidates we support are being financed by "wealthy, mainland-connected developers" are deceptive and false. That would be like claiming HGEA's support for Della Au Belatti is bankrolled by taxpayers simply because HGEA represents public employees. Both claims deliberately distort how organized labor participates in elections.

The principle behind our work is simple: one worker acting alone can easily be ignored. When working people organize and act collectively, they have a meaningful voice.

That voice is needed because political campaigns are too often dominated by wealthy individuals, powerful institutions and entrenched interests. Organized labor helps ensure that the priorities of working families are also represented in the public debate.

And the work we support benefits far more than Carpenters Union members or the construction industry. Building more housing, creating better-paying jobs, lowering costs and strengthening Hawai'i's economy helps lift all working people—including teachers, healthcare workers, public employees, hospitality workers, office and retail workers, and families struggling to remain in Hawai'i.

Working families are confronting an extraordinary cost of living, a severe shortage of housing they can afford and too few opportunities to get ahead. The status quo is not working for them. For A Better Tomorrow helps even the scales by supporting leaders who are prepared to address those challenges and deliver results.

Critics are entitled to support different candidates and policies. But they should debate those differences honestly rather than misrepresenting who funds our organization or whose interests we represent.

For A Better Tomorrow represents working people. We are proud of that, and we will not be intimidated or shouted down for using our collective voice to build a more affordable and prosperous Hawai'i.