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HARBORS DIVISION

Glenn M. Okimoto, Ph.D.  
Director  
Director of Transportation  
State of Hawai'i  
869 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: State of Hawai'i, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division Application for Federal Funding to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery 6 (TIGER VI) Discretionary Grant Application Program

Dear Director Okimoto:

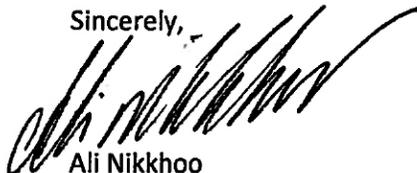
Horizon Lines Inc. is in strong support of the Hawai'i Department of Transportation, Harbors Division's TIGER V Discretionary Funds grant application for the Pier 4 Wharf Project at Hilo Commercial Harbor on Hawai'i Island.

As the most isolated archipelago in the world, the State of Hawai'i relies on the shipping industry to provide nearly 99% of all goods for Hawai'i's residents, tourists, and military personnel. With such heavy reliance on ocean transportation and a "just-in-time" delivery of goods, it is imperative that the Hilo Commercial Harbor receive federal support for necessary upgrades and an expansion of harbor facilities.

Federal grant funding to improve the Hilo Commercial Harbor will significantly benefit Hawai'i Island residents, allowing for faster, more convenient transportation of goods. Improvements to harbor facilities will also foster a safer work environment for all harbor users. Finally, the creation of job opportunities during construction will provide a much-needed boost to the Hawai'i Island economy.

Thank you for this opportunity to share Horizon Lines Inc.'s strong support of this federal grant application.

Sincerely,



Ali Nikkhoo  
Vice President – Hawai'i  
Horizon Lines

cc: Ms. Jadine Urasaki, Deputy Director, HIDOT  
Mr. Carter Luke, Engineering Program Mgr., Harbors Division, HIDOT