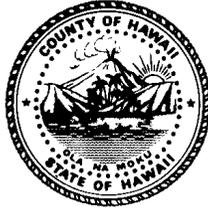


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March 10, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Mahalo for the opportunity to express our strong support for the State of Hawai'i, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division's Pier 4 Wharf Improvement Project at Hilo Harbor.

As the Hawaiian Island with the largest land area and second largest population, the improvements to Hilo Harbor is a valuable effort that will greatly benefit our island community, and East Hawai'i specifically. The increased capacity and improved infrastructure at Hilo Harbor supports efficient service and ensures safety. This action strengthens a diversified economy supporting imports and exports alike and has the potential to create new jobs, which is a grave and current need.

The completed and ongoing work associated with this effort exemplifies the state's commitment to carry out and complete the project without delay and with all the proper regulatory requirements given timely and just attention. This project benefits and sustains our county and state and has our full support.

Mahalo for your consideration of this critical infrastructure project.

Aloha,

**William P. Kenoi**  
**MAYOR**