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March 11, 2014

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

RE: TIGER FUNDING FOR PIER 4 WHARF IMPROVEMENTS, HILO HARBOR, HAWAII

Dear Secretary Foxx,

We are writing in strong support of the TIGER funding application by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division for the Wharf Improvements at Pier 4 in Hilo Harbor, Island of Hawaii. This project is one component of a larger statewide effort to modernize Hawaii's commercial harbors which is especially important as ocean transportation is the critical lifeline for our island state. Given our geographic isolation, Hawaii has near absolute dependence on ocean surface transportation which supports every facet of the local economy.

The improvement of Pier 4 Wharf will yield multiple benefits including increased efficiency in cargo operations and contribute to job creation and increased livability. The increased efficiency will also afford Hilo Harbor greater carrying capacity to meet projected future needs for Hawaii Island as well as improve health and safety conditions for many harbor users.

We stand firmly behind this effort and ask humbly for your support in considering the Pier 4 Wharf Improvement Project as a priority candidate for TIGER funding. We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

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Speaker, House of Representatives

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