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Department of Transportation
State of Hawaii
869 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

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Dear Director Okimoto:

Hawaii Pilots Association strongly supports the Department of Transportation's TIGER VI grant application for the Pier 4 Wharf Project in Hilo Harbor.

The commercial ports in Hawaii are the lifeline for all of our citizens and visitors, since ocean transportation is the only feasible method to deliver goods to our islands. It is essential that infrastructure projects such as the Pier 4 Wharf Project be completed to help meet our significant transportation challenges.

The construction of a dedicated inter-island pier in Hilo will also significantly improve safety and reduce the likelihood of accidents for harbor workers and cruise ship passengers. The dangerous mixing of traffic between Pier 1 cruise ship passengers and the Pier 2 inter-island cargo traffic will be resolved by moving the inter-island cargo operations from Pier 2 to Pier 4 upon completion of this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for this project.

Best regards,

Captain Tom Heberle, President
Hawaii Pilots Association

Cc: Ms. Jandine Urasaki, Deputy Director – Projects HI-DOT
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