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

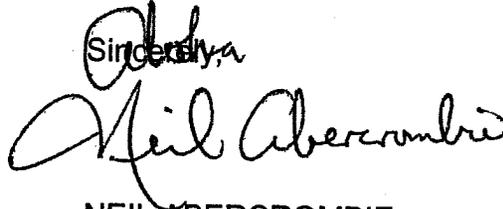
Dear Secretary Foxx:

It is a pleasure to inform you that the Hawaii Department of Transportation, Harbors Division is submitting its application for the TIGER funding for the Pier 4 Wharf Improvement Project at Hilo Harbor on the Island of Hawaii. This project includes the construction a new 602-foot long wharf at Pier 4 to support interisland cargo operations and it has received the full review and vetting required by law.

As an island state located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, we are highly dependent on an efficient ocean transportation system to sustain our economy. Pier 4 is part of a larger effort to modernize Hawaii's commercial harbor facilities and will replace a pier constructed in the 1920s for inter-island cargo operations.

Hilo serves East Hawaii Island and is one of two commercial harbors on that island. This beneficial project plays a part in economic revitalization of the local economy, which is especially important as Hawaii County is classified as a economically distressed area.

We believe that this is a worthy candidate for TIGER funding and we humbly ask for you favorable consideration of this project.

Sincerely,


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii