



March 31, 2014

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

Re: State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation Harbors Division TIGER VI
Discretionary Grants Application; Pier 4 Wharf Project at Hilo Commercial Harbor,
Hawaii Island

Dear Director Okimoto:

The Cruise Lines International Association, North West and Canada (CLIA-NWC) is in firm support of the Hawaii Department of Transportation, Harbors Division as they ask for favorable consideration of their discretionary funds grant application.

As users of Hilo harbor, we encourage projects that improve the condition of the existing facilities, as they are truly the "freeways between the islands." This project will contribute to the growth in productivity of the Big Island, which will in turn continue to stimulate the local economy, both of which are sorely needed in Hilo and the State in general.

As a member of HHUGS and the voice of the cruise ship industry here in Hawaii, we hope you will consider the DOT Harbors Division's application as a priority in this coming year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Wirtz".

Greg Wirtz
President,

Cruise Lines International Association-North West and Canada