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# HAWAII HARBORS USERS GROUP

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March 5, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

Re: Hawaii Department of Transportation, Harbors Division FY 2019 INFRA  
Grant Application, Kapalama Container Terminal Project, Honolulu  
Harbor, Island of Oahu

The Hawaii Harbor Users Group (HHUG), established in 2005, is a non-profit harbor user industry group whose mission is to help the state identify, prioritize and support improvements to Hawaii's commercial harbors. HHUG's membership comprises 23 companies representing the spectrum harbor users. HHUG firmly supports the Hawaii Department of Transportation, Harbors Division's (DOT-H) request for FY 2019 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) funds to support the Kapalama Container Terminal Project (KCT) and ask for your favorable consideration of their application.

KCT has been long-identified as a priority project due to the current and projected need for additional cargo capacity at Honolulu Harbor. Without this project, cargo operations needed to sustain the state's population will be constrained resulting in negative impacts to the economy. KCT is one of several major projects, known collectively as the *Harbors Modernization Program*, which aims to expedite development of deferred harbor infrastructure projects. In support of the of the overall effort to modernize the state's commercial harbors system the HHUG agreed

to incremental increases in tariffs starting July 2019 and continuing for the next three fiscal years.

KCT and its use of modern technology and equipment will greatly improve the efficiency of the overall commercial harbors system, which in turn supports Hawaii's economic growth and vitality and strengthens its role in supporting the greater national economy. We believe that completion of KCT is key to Hawaii's future and thank you for this opportunity to voice HHUG's support of DOT-H's INFRA grant application.

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