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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am in full support of the County of Kauai Planning Department's effort to apply for a TIGER grant to complete the Lihue Town Core Mobility and Revitalization Project.

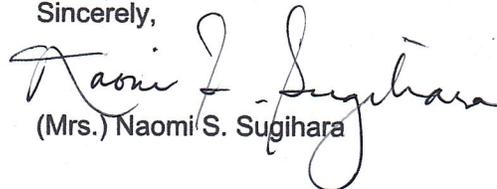
I was involved as a contractor/consultant to coordinate Phase I and II of the Kauai Community Health Improvement Initiative (KCHII), from the initial Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), to the completion of the KCHII plan. The plan was a product of the on-going commitment, collaboration, and partnership of key agencies on Kauai, with the Kauai District Health Office and Wilcox Memorial Hospital as the lead agencies, in addition to the Dept. of Education, Kauai Community College, County of Kauai, and other organizations and individuals.

Five work groups have been organized to address prioritized issues for Kauai, one of which is the Community Design and Planning/Get Fit Kauai joint workgroup. The goal identified for this group is: To establish complete pedestrian, bicycle, and transit networks connecting the commercial town core, schools, parks and residential areas and connecting towns and destinations to one another. The completion of the Lihue Town Core Mobility and Revitalization Project is an important initiative to achieve this goal.

As a resident of Kauai, I have seen the current work being done with the Project and I am confident that the grant funding will support not only its completion, but provide many walkable, bikeable, and transit opportunities for children, families, and older adults to enjoy for years to come.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this grant application.

Sincerely,


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