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May 20, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
US Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: POIPU ROAD SAFETY AND MOBILITY PROJECT – County of Kauai BUILD Application

Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of the Hawaii Department of Education (DOE), Kauai Complex Area, I strongly support the County of Kauai's BUILD application for the Poipu Road Safety and Mobility Project. The DOE and the County of Kauai have a strong partnership supporting the Safe Routes to School program on Kauai. Since 2014 Koloa Elementary School has been an active participant in Safe Routes to School program that sponsors monthly walk to school days, some with over 300 participants.

The Poipu Road Safety and Mobility Project will improve the bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in the vicinity of Koloa Elementary School, which fronts Poipu Road. The DOE supports projects that improve the health and safety of our keiki (children) and ohana (family), enabling our community members of all ages and abilities to safely walk or bike to school. Thank you for your consideration of this important project for Kauai.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 274-3502.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William N. Arakaki". The signature is written in a cursive style.

William N. Arakaki  
Kauai Complex Area Superintendent