



June 9, 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:

The Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the County of Kauai's BUILD application for the Poipu Road Safety and Mobility Project. This project will support local business. It will make it safer for employees to get to and from work, and will improve the visitor experience in South Kauai, our premier resort destination. It will open new opportunities for workforce housing, jobs, and businesses as envisioned in the South Kauai Community Plan and will support development in one of Kauai's two Opportunity Zones.

During COVID-19, Kauai's economy was brought to a standstill. With tourism as the largest sector of our economy, investments that will make tourism stronger, smarter, and more resilient than before are needed now as we rebuild our economy. The Kauai Chamber of Commerce is pleased to partner with the County of Kauai on projects such as this that improve our transportation system and strengthen our economy.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project for our county and our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Perriello".

Mark Perriello
President & CEO
Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce