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July 6, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
US Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington DC 20590

**RE: POIPU ROAD SAFETY AND MOBILITY PROJECT - RAISE GRANT
APPLICATION**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Hawaii Department of Education (DOE), Kauai Complex Area strongly supports the County of Kauai's RAISE application for the Poipu Road Safety and Mobility Project. DOE and the County have a strong partnership supporting the Safe Routes to School program on Kauai, and Koloa Elementary School has been an active participant in Safe Routes to School since 2014, sponsoring 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 people of all ages and abilities to walk or bike to school more safely.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project for Kauai.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Zina", written over a blue circular stamp.

Paul Zina
Kauai Complex Area Superintendent

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