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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,

I am a Member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha-Kaumuali'i Chapter which provides stewardship over Prince Kūhiō Park and Kamalo'ula Cultural Preserve which are approximately 21 acres in Po'ipū, Kauai. I strongly support the County of Kauai's RAISE application for the Poipu Road Safety and Mobility Project. This project has been a long time in the making, and the County has collaborated on the design with property and business owners and a broad diversity of local residents from the beginning.

Koloa-Poipu is a significantly important historical area with many wahipana or celebrated areas, one of which we spend much of our organization's time caring for. During COVID-19, tourism was brought to a standstill, severely impacting the economy of Kauai and Hawaii. This project will not only provide an improved transportation network for local residents and visitors alike, it will likely provide a boost for the visitor industry.

While tourism will continue to be a vital industry on Kauai, it is clear that a good relationship between visitor and resident must be fostered in order for us to remain a pristine visitor destination. Our organization helps to foster our history as a Hawaiian people and help educate our community on the importance of taking care of our land, our sea and each other. All of our projects naturally address equity and environmental sustainability. We work closely with programs at the government level to do this work.

This is a great example of government and the private sector working together to improve the safety, economic vitality, and quality of life for all who visit or live on Kauai.

Sincerely,

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