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Dear Mr. Wayne Y. Yoshioka and Mr. Ted Matley;

The voters again proved their support to build Honolulu Light Rail. We support completing the rail project ASAP, as approved by the Honolulu City Council. This EIR and numerous previous studies confirm the obvious: that providing fast, convenient, reliable, energy efficient, clean transportation alternatives in Honolulu area will help ease traffic congestion and improve the environment for workers, seniors, students. Electric Light Rail will reduce our dependence on expensive foreign oil. To help our economy during this recession, this green project will also provide hundreds of good local jobs, such as civil engineering, architecture, and construction. We do not support the other options studied for many, many years, including bus, TSM, managed lanes, mag lev, monorail, or no-build alternatives. The time for re-studying alternatives has ended; now, it is time to build this project.

No large transportation project can possibly satisfy all NIMBYs or have zero negative environmental impacts. This proposed Light Rail will have minimal temporary impacts on a few but will provide enormous benefits for thousands of commuters every day. We support the proposed Honolulu airport light rail alternative to provide a faster link for travelers and airport employees. Nearly every other major city in the developed world has (or will soon have) a fast rail transportation system. Honolulu deserves nothing less.

Sincerely,
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