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Thank you for your continuing interest in the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project environmental studies. If I can provide further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (202) 366-4040. A similar letter has been sent to Mr. Berman.

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