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The Honorable Wayne Yoshioka
Director
Department of Transportation Services
City and County of Honolulu
650 S. King Street, 3rd Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Honolulu Rail Transit System (Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor
Project, 2008/PIM-1) and Proposed Re-Routing

Dear Mr. Yoshioka:

The purpose of this letter is to express our deep concerns over the proposed City Council bill (Bill 8, 2009 Relating to Transit) regarding changes to the route of the rail in the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project.

The Judiciary acknowledges the unique challenges of this project, especially through such an urban area. However, we have strong reservations about the possible shift to Queen Street due to the increased impact on the State Judiciary and the resulting increased security risks for judges, court operations, and the public.

Despite these increased risks, the Judiciary was not involved in the project's scoping process or invited to participate in the agency coordination meetings nor did we receive notice that the route would run next to our buildings, whether on Halekauwila or Queen Street (Draft EIS page 8-2). Therefore, we request that we be informed of the details regarding the rail's route.

As we understand it, the current route through downtown is planned for Halekauwila Street and as such, will pass by the First Circuit Court, Kaahumanu Hale, at 777 Punchbowl Street. However, the proposed re-routing to Queen Street would affect three Judiciary facilities, including the:

- Supreme Court, Aliiolani Hale at 417 S. King Street,
- Intermediate Court of Appeals, Kapuwaiwa Building at 426 Queen Street, and
- Family Drug Court, Media 5 Building at 345 Queen Street.

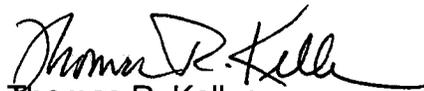
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Courts and their rulings affect people's lives, children, and families, causing emotions to run high. The emotionally charged situations often lead to threats against courts, judges, and non-judicial court employees. We believe that the proposed route change unnecessarily increases this risk and exposes the State Judiciary as a potential target for attack.

Although the final construction phase that includes Middle Street to Ala Moana Center is not scheduled until 2012, the Judiciary requests that the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) include us on the mailing list and in future stakeholder briefings, and provide us with additional project details that may impact Judiciary facilities.

We plan to submit testimony regarding Bill 8 (2009), should it be heard by the Council's Transportation and Planning Committee, and we look forward to working with the City Council and the DTS to mitigate the impacts to the State Judiciary. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Thomas R. Keller
Administrative Director of the Courts

c: Todd K. Apo, Council Chair
Gary Okino, Transportation and Planning Committee Chair
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State: HI

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