



March 29, 2021

Mr. Derek Chow
Deputy Director
Dept of Transportation, Harbors Division
State of Hawaii
79 S. Nimitz Highway
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New Start Feasibility Study

Dear Deputy Director Chow:

Young Brothers, LLC ("YB") strongly supports the Department of Transportation, Harbors Division's ("DOT-Harbor Division") request for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers new start feasibility study of Honolulu Harbor modifications. It is our understanding that such study is intended to, among other things, investigate modifications to Honolulu Harbor to decrease inefficiencies in ship movements caused by limitations in the channels and basins, adapt to new ships and barges, meet maritime growth needs, address safety concerns associated with the single one-way channel, and adapt to anticipated sea level rise.

As you know, YB currently operates a "hub and spoke" operation where the hub is Honolulu Harbor on the island of Oahu. As the only certificated intrastate water carrier authorized by the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission to transport interisland cargo between Honolulu Harbor and the neighbor island ports on the islands of Kauai, Maui, Hawaii, Lanai and Molokai, such study is critical and necessary in assisting YB in ensuring interisland cargo between the islands are transported from Honolulu to the other islands timely, safely, and reliably. It is our hope that such study will also assist in, among other things, improving our waterways to increase operational inefficiencies, anticipating changes in the maritime industry, evaluating disaster preparedness/resiliency needs, and adapting to climate/sea level rise.

In light of the above, YB strongly supports the DOT-Harbors Division's request to seek federal modifications to Honolulu Harbors waterways via such study. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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Kris Nakagawa
Vice President, External and Legal Affairs