Aloha PUC Commissioners,

My name is Anthony deJetley and I live on the island of Lana‘i. Our island, like Moloka‘i, is dependent on Young Brothers to provide transport of much-needed supplies, equipment, appliances, etc. We don’t have access to car dealerships for new vehicle purchases or warranty work, appliance centers, and much more. Young Brothers issued a new policy restricting personally owned vehicles and less than container load due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They’re only shipping essential cargo; however, car dealerships, appliance centers, auto shops, and much more continue to operate because they’re essential businesses throughout the State of Hawaii. As a consumer in one of the most remote parts of the State, how are we supposed to conduct business with these establishments when Young Brothers can’t ship our purchases?

I would like the PUC to look over the new policy Young Brothers has put in place and to see if an exemption can be made for shipping to and from both the island of Lana‘i and Moloka‘i. We, unlike the rest of the State, don’t have the luxury to just drive up to a business and pick up a major purchase, such as a car or appliance, and are dependent on Young Brothers to fulfill the remainder of our transport. I understand they’re prioritizing essential cargo, such as food and fuel; however, with the hotels and construction shut down on Lana‘i, and if room permits, they should at least accept the cargo and place on the barge.

Mahalo for taking the time to read my letter and I hope we can come to a resolution to this issue.

Anthony Russell deJetley
anthonydejetley@gmail.com
(808) 563-0647