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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Young Bros. Request: Tariff Change

Aloha Commissioners,

Once again as an Inter Island Livestock Shipper I am concerned with Young Bros. making decisions which "Hamstring" our industry.

When everyone in this state has tried to be good neighbors, offering services, help and support during these very trying times, YB has done the opposite for our Inter Island Livestock Industry.

We all hoped this statewide lockdown would be over this week. Most "essential" businesses have been able to continue with "business as usual", YB has not.

With another month of lockdown and YB's COVID19 LCL livestock cancellation ruling, and 20'&40' Containers having to be trucked off and on the pier at great expense, many livestock shippers will be out of business.

YB made the decision to stop all of their LCL and non essential vehicles. THEIR CHOICE. There are, as many other businesses have done, ways to protect their employees without closing down half of our industry, or causing us great financial hardship.

Now they want to stop a few of their barges, without concern for their customers needs. The Molokai barge that leaves Honolulu Tuesday, arrives in Lanai Wednesday morning, unloads, reloads and sails to Molokai, it unloads and reloads Wednesday evening to arrive in Honolulu Thursday morning. The Molokai Sunday barge cannot take livestock, as cargo must be delivered on Friday. Livestock cannot be sitting at the Molokai port for two days before shipment on Sunday! They are still doing the Tuesday barge to Lanai from the notification I read. I know the cattle shippers have voiced their concerns. My concern is that this is the busiest time of year for cattle shipments and that YB will use this opportunity to discontinue this shipment date change and will keep it for a long period of time or forever because they consider it a money loser.

They are a MONOPOLY, we have NO OTHER CHOICE.

Our industry, in good faith, has been working to be compliant with Young Brothers and their rule changes and proposals since their 2014 notification to comply with the Clean Water Act and their safety concerns with Livestock Shipments.

Once again, We have diligently been, since our Status Conference with you, working to keep Young Brothers from putting us out of business. Our committees are putting together Best Practices and Standards for our whole Inter Island Livestock Shipping Industry.

The Governor, on page three paragraph three, stated that agriculture was essential in his COVID19 Proclamation.

YB has not, and seems will not be "Good Partners" for our WHOLE industry. YB is supposed to be a public service company, but they continually deny or cut service to parts of our industry and seem to cater to other parts.

Please consider our industries "LITTLE MAN" when assessing Young Brothers requests, whether it's a rate increase, changes to or new tariffs.

Mahalo,

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