



Date: May 28, 2020

Attention: Public Utility Commission: Board of Directors and Commissioners

**RE: Young Brothers Proposed Changes to Livestock Procedures  
Phase 1 Contingency Plan and Phase 2 Contingency Plan**

Dear Board of Directors and Commissioners,

I am writing this letter to bring to your attention the great amount of hardship you would bring to the people of Hawai'i. Please allow me to remind you that we are ALL facing challenges during these unprecedented times. Denying ANY/ALL cargo when you are trying to pull your business out of a financial crisis is not being "The Life Line of The Islands".

Allowing phase 1 to go through you'd be helping small businesses get back on their feet. You would also allow people to bring their animals back home since many were not given enough time or notice to book their animals home before Young Brothers changed the way they would operate. Things will not go back to our normal way of life but we can learn to adapt to the "new normal" and still come out successful.

Allowing phase 2 to go through would be the main reason businesses who depend on inter-island shipments to run their company, would shut down for good. Many small businesses and our agriculture/farming industry will be greatly affected. What happened to Hawaii's campaign for "sustainability". Raising the prices and making it impossible to afford shipping is one thing but eliminating certain cargo is ludicrous.

We also cannot allow elimination of less-than-cargo-load (LCL) on livestock shipments. This will change the way we do rodeo within the island chain. The sport will die due to the drastic price changes with the new proposed method of shipping only in 20' and 40' containers. We have had the Hawaii High School Rodeo Association for many years connecting all Islands allowing students to rodeo by maintaining a 2.5 GPA or higher, travel to State Finals, and compete for a chance at Nationals. Our Hawaiian paniolos are ones to be reckoned with because many of these students in the sport have got picked up on a fully paid rodeo scholarship in the mainland. The face-to-face interaction when shipping livestock is much less the time/exposure than sending a personal vehicle, so I don't see how you can justify the two any differently.



Young Brothers alone is one of the most important essential business' during a pandemic. Some of these proposed changes were brought on by Young Brothers in February 2020 and were not approved. How dare they hide behind a pandemic as their reasoning to make these sudden changes that weren't approved from the beginning. We have already shown that we can continue working together 6ft apart by taking the necessary steps to ensure the health and safety of all. Hospitals and Grocery stores are most exposed but they still show up and provide for their people of Hawaii. It's now Young Brothers turn to adapt to those changes and find innovative ways to carry on with business so that they can continue to be the life line of the islands.

We were all affected by COVID-19 but we can all remain strong and overcome the challenges together. As a verse in Proverbs says "As Iron sharpens Iron, so one person sharpens another".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kiana Uechi-Won". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kiana Uechi-Won  
Miss Rodeo Hawaii

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