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Hello,

I guess we missed the deadline to submit our thoughts about the Young Bros schedule change for Hilo. It's not a good thing! It's fine for many things, but not good for farmers and produce. We grow longan, lychee and rambutan on our 38 acre farm near Honomu. Our fruit is shipped out twice a week to merchants in Chinatown. Our orders had just started coming back since coronavirus shut everyone down. And now our orders have been cut in half. Merchants will not order double for one day. The fruit will not last. No one will want to buy it. We know of one farmer who grows papaya and he is panicked trying to figure out how he will sell all his papaya he has worked so hard to grow. It's not like it will hold. It will rot. We do not have 3 hours to drive our fruit to Kawaihae. It's hard enough to keep our farm going, now it's even harder. We are an island with just one economical source of shipping. We know it would be cheaper for them to come to Hilo just once a week, but they are our connection to the rest of the world! Young Bros should not be allowed to reduce their schedule.

Thank you for your consideration.

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