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The Honorable Chair and Members Of the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission 465 South King Street Kekuanao'a Building Room 103 Honolulu, HI 96813 Attention: Caroline Ishida, Esq.

Dear Commissioners and Commission Staff,

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

I am writing this letter in hopes that the PUC will deny Young Brothers request for the elimination of LCL/Mixed cargo for both dry and refrigerated goods to and from the ports of Kahului, Kawaihae, Nawiliwili, and Hilo.

LCL/Mixed cargo is vital for small and medium-sized businesses in Hawaii. Our business uses the LCL/Mixed cargo option almost every week and sometimes multiple times a week when operating at full capacity. Without the LCL/Mixed cargo option we would not be able to receive vital items to our business to remain open. Just last week we had a freezer go down on Kauai and we sent over a freezer from Maui to replace the one on Kauai.

LCL/mixed cargo is the only affordable link that outer island business has to Oahu and each other. This allows us to keep our costs down so that we can offer our products and services at affordable prices. Also, the LCL/Mixed cargo option allows us to be a Kauai business and without LCL/Mixed cargo, we would have to look at other options for our business. I understand that Young Brothers has been heavily impacted by COVID-19. I sincerely hope there is a way moving forward that retains the inter-island shipping of LCL/Mixed Cargo.

I have also attached the letters that I have sent to Senate President Kouchi and Jay Ana President, Young Brothers, LLC.

Mahalo for listening to our concerns.

Sincerely,

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