



February 19, 2008

The Honorable Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Members of the Senate Transportation & International Affairs Committee
State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator English:

**Governor's Message No. 257 – Testimony in Support of Confirmation for
Mr. Brennon Morioka – Director of Transportation**

The purpose of this letter is to strongly support the confirmation of Mr. Brennon Morioka as the Director of the State's Department of Transportation.

Mr. Morioka's leadership skills and ability to work with diverse groups of stakeholders make him the ideal candidate to serve in this key cabinet position. The complex and heated issues facing the DOT will make excellent use of his technical expertise and his collaborative communications skills.

He has the required amount of energy, drive, and initiative to deliver positive results for all concerned.

Under Mr. Morioka's leadership, the many tough transportation challenges and concerns throughout the State of Hawaii can be met with win-win solutions for the people of Hawaii.

I would strongly urge your committee's favorable action on Mr. Morioka's confirmation.

Sincerely,

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TESTIMONY TO:

Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair

Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Subject: **Confirmation of Dr. Brennon Morioka, Ph.D., P.E.
Director of the Department of Transportation**

Dear Committee Members,

As President and CEO of SSFM International, Inc., I am in SUPPORT OF Dr. Brennon Morioka's confirmation as the Director of the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation.

Dr. Morioka has an extensive engineering, community and governmental background that he brings to this position. He is currently the Interim Director of the Department of Transportation after serving 3 years as the Deputy Director for the Highways Division. He is a licensed engineer in Hawaii and California, he serves as an elected member of the Hawaii State Earthquake Advisory Committee and is a member of the Hawaii Section of ASCE where he is the Co-Chair for their Geotechnical Committee.

I believe that Dr. Morioka will continue to serve the people and the State of Hawaii very well as the Director of the Department of Transportation. His knowledge and expertise as an engineer in private practice, an active member of professional and community organizations, and his leadership roles in the Department for the past three (3) years will greatly enhance his ability to lead and manage the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for your consideration.

SSFM INTERNATIONAL, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael P. Matsumoto'.

Michael P. Matsumoto, P.E., FACEC
President/CEO

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