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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SCR18 / SR-14

REQUESTING THE POSTMASTER GENERAL OF THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE TO RELOCATE TO THE U.S. NAVY PROPERTY ON THE PEARL CITY PENINSULA

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Aloha, Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Chang and committee members. I am Larry Veray, Chairman for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21. I am submitting this testimony representing our board as a whole. In our 2025 legislative priorities relocating the Post Office is one of our requirements for Pearl City. Our Neighborhood Board has received numerous complaints about the traffic congestion at the intersection of Acacia Road and Kamehameha Highway. A creative idea to help mitigate traffic congestion at that intersection is to relocate the Pearl City Post Office from its present location to the Pearl City Peninsula across from Lehua Elementary School and improve public safety and traffic issues I am in STRONG SUPPORT OF SCR18 / SR14.

Advantages in moving the Pearl City Post Office to the Pearl City Peninsula:

- Improve public safety for the hundreds of Pearl City residents driving their vehicles to and from the Post Office on a very narrow driveway into oncoming traffic.
- Eliminate the numerous pedestrians that walk into the Post Office driveway that was a huge safety issue
- Allow for a new driveway from Kamehameha Hwy to the back entrance of Walmart parking lot to be built
- Improve throughput of Westbound traffic allowing for a right turn lane to be installed and to allow vehicles to transit to Sam Club and Walmart
- Offer an opportunity to expand the size of the Post Office relocated to the Pearl City Peninsula with larger parking lot for its 75 vehicles and residents
- Offer more larger cluster mailboxes with the much higher demand of packages arriving at the Post Office
- Offer this better location for the Post Office with the Transit Oriented Development with the expected high-rise apartments to be built within two blocks of the Post Office.

Please approve SCR18 / SR14. Mahalo!

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