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April 21, 2015

The Honorable Ernest Y. Martin, Chair
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Support for Bills 17, 18, and 19

Dear Chair Martin, Vice Chair Anderson, and members:

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance is comprised of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters; the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Union, Local 630; International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Local 1; the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368; and the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3. Together, the member unions of the Hawai'i Construction Alliance represent 15,000 working men and women in the basic crafts of Hawai'i's construction industry.

We have been strong advocates for the Honolulu Rapid Transit project, an important endeavor which will:

- Provide commuters with a fast, safe, and reliable alternative to driving in traffic congestion, eliminating tens of thousands of car trips that would otherwise be taken in private vehicles;
- Generate thousands of jobs in construction, engineering, and related fields, as well as additional indirect jobs in all sectors of our island's economy;
- Create the potential for transit-oriented development to take place in and around station areas, giving families the opportunity to affordably live, work, shop, and play closer to home; and
- Offer a more sustainable future for our island home through reduced CO₂ emissions and less dependence on costly, imported oil.

We are proud that many of our members have already been involved in relocating utilities along the route, constructing the facilities at the Rail Operations Center, drilling and pouring hundreds of shafts and columns, preparing the balanced cantilever structure over the H-1 freeway, and casting and erecting the numerous segments which comprise the westernmost portion of the guideway. We look forward to having even more members work on this historic project in the years ahead.

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To that end, we support **Bill 17**, which relates to the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016; **Bill 18**, which relates to the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation Capital Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016; **and Bill 19**, which authorizes the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes of the City and County of Honolulu.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide these comments, and we humbly request your favorable consideration on these bills.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tyler Dos Santos-Tam". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tyler" being the most prominent.

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