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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As Hurricane Lane approaches the Hawaiian Islands, we ask that you waive the Jones Act for our state, should the need arise.

The islands already are suffering shortages of badly needed emergency supplies, and a waiver of the Act would help make such goods available at affordable prices.

As you know, the Jones Act raises the price of goods shipped to Hawaii from the U.S. mainland, and if, heaven forbid, Hurricane Lane were to cause significant damage to our islands, many Hawaii residents will need to rebuild in the days and months ahead.

Therefore, we ask that you immediately waive the Jones Act for Hawaii for at least one year, to facilitate a speedy and affordable recovery for our state, should the worst happen.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely, and with aloha,

Keli‘i Akina
President and CEO
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