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To: Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

From: Grassroot Institute of Hawaii
Joe Kent, Executive vice president

RE: The 2022 Recovery Plan by the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation

Aloha,

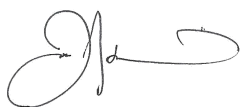
My name is Joe Kent and I am the executive vice president of the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii, a 501(c)3 nonprofit policy research organization that promotes the values of individual liberty, economic freedom and accountable government.

We have concerns that the 2022 Recovery Plan by the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) has overly-optimistic assumptions about revenues, ridership and costs, and this could saddle local taxpayers with unstated liabilities in the future.

The project is already wildly over-budget and behind-schedule, so the current schedule of revenues, ridership and costs should be viewed with extreme skepticism.

The Honolulu rail should be completed without incurring more costs, increasing taxes or adding any new taxes. Local residents have paid far too much already.

Mahalo,



Joe Kent
Executive vice president
Grassroot Institute of Hawaii