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April 9, 2020

Docket Operations and Media Management U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE West Building Ground Floor Room W12-140 Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Docket DOT-OST-2020-0037, Support for the Application filed by Hawaiian Airlines, Inc. for Exemption from Service Obligation

On behalf of Hawaiian Airlines, Inc. ("Hawaiian"), enclosed please find the following letters supporting Request for Exemption from Service Obligation filed by Hawaiian:

- Governor of the State of Hawai'i David Y. Ige
- City and County of Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell
- Hawai'i County Mayor Harry Kim
- Kaua'i County Mayor Derek Kawakami

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

J. Parker Erkmann

Counsel for Hawaiian Airlines, Inc.

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**Enclosures** 

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing letter of support was served this 9th day of April 2020 via email transmission or U.S. mail on the following:

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April 8, 2020

### VIA REGULATIONS.GOV & ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Docket DOT-OST-2020-0037, Continuation of Certain Air Service Under the

**CARES Act** 

### Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the State of Hawai'i, I thank the Department of Transportation for exercising its authority to ensure that our state has adequate air transportation service during this national health crisis. As you know, our state is uniquely dependent on air transportation to move critical supplies and personnel. However, the transportation of passengers from outside our state also poses serious risks of spreading COVID-19. Accordingly, I have issued two emergency proclamations mandating first that all travelers arriving in Hawai'i must undergo a 14-day quarantine, and second that all passengers arriving in Hawai'i must undergo the same 14-day quarantine. These emergency proclamations remain in full force and effect to limit the spread of the virus.

On April 7, I understand the Department of Transportation issued a Final Order requiring, among other things, that air carriers reinstate minimum service levels to the State of Hawai'i. That Order would require Hawaiian Airlines to reinstate air service between Hawai'i and Boston, Las Vegas, New York, Phoenix, Portland, Sacramento, San Diego, and Seattle at least three times per week. I also understand that Hawaiian Airlines has requested an exemption from this requirement. I support the request for an exemption and urge the Department to grant Hawaiian Airlines' request.

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At this time, the State of Hawai'i does not want these additional air services reinstated. My primary goal is protecting the health and safety of the citizens of our great state. That means minimizing the number of visitors to Hawai'i until the health threat has passed. We have been working with Hawaiian Airlines and other airlines to ensure that critical supply lines remain intact. The services mandated by the Order are not required at this time.

We look forward to a time when we can once again welcome visitors to our islands. In the meantime, please respect our wishes to minimize the passengers traveling to Hawaii.

With warmest regards,

David Y. Ige

Governor, State of Hawai'i

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April 8, 2020

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Re: Docket DOT-OST-2020-0037, Continuation of Certain Air Service under the CARES Act

### Dear Secretary Chao:

I would like to start by expressing my thanks to the Department of Transportation for recognizing the importance of air travel to and between the islands of the State of Hawai'i, especially during this national health crisis. Our state is uniquely dependent on air transportation to move critical supplies and personnel. However, the transportation of passengers from outside our state also poses serious risks of spreading the deadly COVID-19 infection.

I was the first Mayor in the state to issue a stay at home order for the island of O'ahu and on March 31<sup>st</sup> I sent a letter to President Trump imploring him to stop air travel to Hawaii'i for non-essential purposes. These requests are shored up by Governor Ige's statewide mandatory 14-day quarantine on passengers traveling to and between our island state.

These provisions have in large measure been effective and have accomplished what they are intended to do and that is to discourage non-essential travel to the state. Visitor arrivals have plummeted on average by 95% and I applaud Hawaiian Airlines for leading the way in reducing its schedule significantly in response to these directives.

I understand the Department of Transportation issued an order requiring that air carriers reinstate minimum service levels to the State of Hawai'i. For example, that order would require Hawaiian Airlines to reinstate air service between Hawaii and Boston, Las Vegas, New York, Phoenix, Portland, Sacramento, San Diego, and Seattle at least three times per week. I also understand that Hawaiian has requested an exemption from this requirement. I fully support the Department's grant of Hawaiian's exemption request.

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At this time, the City and County of Honolulu does not want these additional air services reinstated. My primary goal is protecting the health and safety of the citizens of my island and jurisdiction. That means limiting the number of visitors to Hawai'i until the health threat has passed and the restrictions placed on Hawaiian Airlines have been lifted. We have been working with Hawaiian and other airlines to ensure that critical supply lines remain intact. The services contemplated by the Order are not required at this time.

We rely on the significant contributions air transportation provides to our economy. We look forward to a time when we can once again welcome visitors to our islands.

Sincerely,

Kirk Caldwell Mayor Harry Kim Mayor



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**Dear Secretary Chao:** 

RE Docket DOT-OST-2020-0037, Continuation of Certain Air Service under the CARES Act – "Support of Hawaiian Airlines Exemption"

I would like to start by expressing my thanks to the Department of Transportation for recognizing the importance of air travel to and between the islands of the State of Hawai'i, especially during this national health crisis. Our state is uniquely dependent on air transportation to move critical supplies and personnel. However, the transportation of passengers from outside our state also poses serious risks of spreading the deadly COVID-19 infection.

Governor Ige issued two executive orders mandating first that all travelers arriving in Hawai'i must undergo a 14-day quarantine and second I mandated the same 14-day quarantine requirements on passengers traveling between the Hawaiian Islands. These orders remain in full force and effect as of this writing and until further notice. These provisions have in large measure been effective and have accomplished what they are intended to do and that is to discourage non-essential travel to the state. Visitor arrivals have plummeted on average by 95% and I applaud Hawaiian Airlines for leading the way in reducing its schedule significantly in response to these directives. I understand the Department of Transportation issued an order requiring that air carriers reinstate minimum service levels to the State of Hawai'i. For example, that order would require Hawaiian Airlines to reinstate air service between Hawaii and Boston, Las Vegas, New York, Phoenix, Portland, Sacramento, San Diego, and Seattle at least three times per week. I also understand that Hawaiian has requested an exemption

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from this requirement. **I fully support** the Department's grant of Hawaiian's exemption request.

At this time, the island of Hawai'i does not want these additional air services reinstated. My primary goal is protecting the health and safety of the citizens of my island and jurisdiction. That means limiting the number of visitors to Hawai'i until the health threat has passed and the restrictions placed on Hawaiian Airlines have been lifted. We have been working with Hawaiian and other airlines to ensure that critical supply lines remain intact. The services contemplated by the Order are not required at this time.

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On March 18<sup>th</sup> in response to the unfolding pandemic I issued a mandatory curfew and limits on airline travel to the island of Kaua'i. These orders remain in place until further notice and are shored up by Governor Ige's statewide mandatory 14-day quarantine on passengers traveling to and between our island state.

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At this time, the island of Kaua'i does not want these additional air services reinstated. My primary goal is protecting the health and safety of the citizens of my island and jurisdiction. That means limiting the number of visitors to Hawai'i until the health threat has passed and the restrictions placed on Hawaiian Airlines have been lifted. We have been working with Hawaiian and other airlines to ensure that critical supply lines remain intact. The services contemplated by the Order are not required at this time.

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