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The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 419
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INTERISLAND SAMPLE TRANSPORT

Dear Representative Aquino,

Happy New Year !

I am writing to you because of the current situation with the interisland transport of cannabis samples for testing purposes on Oahu, which is occurring under the assumption that such transport violates federal law.

Despite [state law](#) that authorizes the interisland transport of cannabis samples for testing purposes and a federal aviation [regulation](#) that exempts the carriage of cannabis aboard aircraft from federal restrictions if authorized under state law, various state and federal agencies continue to deny the interisland transport of these samples. As a result, cannabis labs in Hawaii are using stealth shipping methods to avoid detection by TSA, local and state airport law enforcement, and interisland shipping companies, which often result in sample delivery delays that can negatively affect the reliability of required contaminant testing.

I recently sent a [letter](#) about this issue to Director Butay at Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT), which is attached for your information.

I am reaching out to your office because you are Chair of the House Committee on Transportation, with the hope that this issue can be addressed during the upcoming legislative Session.

May I please schedule a time to speak with a member of your staff about this matter.

Aloha,

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