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Re: Support for Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Dry Dock 5 and Waterfront
Production Facility at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

To Whom it may Concern:

My name is Gino Soquena, Executive Director of the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council which represents 18 various construction trades unions throughout the State of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in support of the construction of a new dry dock, together with upgrades as a part of the Ship Infrastructure Optimization Program at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY). Infrastructure investments are needed at PHNSY to support the maintenance of the Virginia class submarines which is a key part of our nation's maritime strategy in the Indo-Pacific, ensuring that the U.S. Navy is "fit to fight."

There are more than 6500 civilian, Hawaii-based skilled tradesmen and women working on nuclear submarines and ships at Pearl Harbor. This investment will help them do their jobs more efficiently, and allows for the hiring of additional skilled workers, both of which benefit our community.

The Dry Dock 5 project is being pegged at about \$3 billion, providing upward of 2500 jobs at about \$200 million in annual salaries. Much will be performed with the skilled tradesmen and women of Hawaii.

We are most interested in having the 5 teams engaged with the Navy to also engage with the Building Trades Council and our Affiliate Unions, and that the winning bidder commit to signing a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) and hiring local workers to perform the work. It is good for the project, the Navy and Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the Navy EIS process. We look forward to working with you to bring this project to fruition.

Aloha,

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