

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

August 1, 2020

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

Dear Mr. President:

We write to urge you to expeditiously approve Governor David Ige's request to extend the authorization and funding under 32 U.S Code § 502(f)(2)(A) for Hawaii's COVID-19 response operations.

The Governor's request would allow the Hawaii National Guard to continue critical and timely support across the State of Hawaii. These brave soldiers and airmen have played a critical role augmenting health care professionals, providing ground and air transportation, and assisting with quarantine and isolation operations.

We strongly urge your prompt approval of this request to ensure the Hawaii National Guard can continue its support to the state and counties. Unfortunately, to meet demobilization timelines, the Hawaii National Guard will need to begin redeployment as early as August 2, 2020, if its current operational status is not extended as requested. It is critical that we avoid any disruption to the Hawaii National Guard's COVID-19 response operations. Thank you for your attention to and support of this request.

Sincerely,



BRIAN SCHATZ
U.S. Senator



MAZIE K. HIRONO
U.S. Senator



TULSI GABBARD
U.S. Representative



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U.S. Representative