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October 7, 2003

Mr. Robert B. Zoellick  
Executive Office of the President  
The United States Trade Representative  
Washington, D.C. 20508

Dear Mr. Zoellick:

This is in response to your letter requesting our assistance in the area of government procurement in trade negotiations and requesting that the State of Hawaii consider coverage of additional trade agreements now being negotiated by the United States. As a participant under the United States' membership in the World Trade Organization's Agreement on Government Procurement, the State has demonstrated its commitment to support the purpose of that Agreement. However, I request some additional time in which to review our obligations and responsibilities under this Agreement in order to make an informed decision regarding the inclusion of the additional new countries with which the United States is negotiating. I assure you that this need for additional time does not in any way represent the State's erosion of commitment to this Agreement and the goals and interests of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please do not hesitate to contact the Comptroller of the State of Hawaii, Russ K. Saito, by telephone at (808) 586-0400 or by e-mail at [russ.k.saito@hawaii.gov](mailto:russ.k.saito@hawaii.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

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cc: Russ K. Saito, Comptroller