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Governor Linda Lingle
Executive Chambers, 5th Floor
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Lingle:

With the enactment of Act 217 on July 12, 2005, the provisions of HB422, "A Bill for an Act Relating to Cruise Ships", become law in Hawaii. With the passage of that bill, we believe that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the North West CruiseShip Association (NWCA) and the State of Hawaii (State) is redundant and unnecessary. The MOU was initially signed on September 22, 2002 and amended on February 18, 2004.

In order to avoid any ambiguity and operational confusion that could be caused by the provisions of the MOU and federal and State standards, the NWCA is officially serving notice that we will be transitioning out of the MOU as of December 31, 2005. This 90 days written notice is given as provided for in Section 13 of the MOU between NWCA and the State. This proposed action to move from the MOU to the requirements of Act 217 was discussed in a meeting between NWCA representatives and Department of Health officials in Honolulu on August 24, 2005.

We believe that the MOU has served well as a measure to protect the marine environment of Hawaii for the last four years. We are pleased that we had the opportunity to work closely with the Department of Health (DOH) to develop the MOU. The DOH staff clearly demonstrated their professionalism as they provided oversight of the cruise industry under the MOU.

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NWCA Member Lines:

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Princess Cruises • Radisson Seven Seas Cruises • Royal Caribbean International

Finally, I want to assure you of the continued commitment of the NWCA member lines to high quality environmental protection as we cruise the Hawaiian Islands. The beauty of the islands and its surrounding waters is an important reason why our cruise visitors come to Hawaii. The NWCA will work very closely with the DOH as we transition from the MOU to the provisions of Act 217.

Thank you for your support of the cruise industry.

Sincerely,



John Hansen
President

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