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Helicopter Association International Statement on Public Meeting in Hawaii

Helicopter Association International (HAI) would like to thank the more than 40 government officials and elected representatives at the federal, state and local levels who attended the Hawaii Air Tour Informational Forum on Monday, October 28. Our industry's first priority always has been and continues to be safety.

Our primary objective in hosting this event was to begin the process of facilitating a constructive discussion that leads to enhanced communication and cooperation between Hawaii's helicopter tour operators, government officials and the community.

HAI thanks the FAA, Navy, and Hawaii Helicopter Association for providing robust presentations on helicopter operations and the air tour industry in Hawaii. HAI thanks the elected officials for their participation during the question and answer period and for highlighting community concerns.

As a next step we agreed to the necessity of establishing a task force that will include industry, elected officials, FAA and community stakeholders. The objective of this task force will be to identify community concerns and develop meaningful and sustainable solutions.

HAI is committed to moving this important work forward.

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HAI is the professional trade association for the international helicopter industry. HAI members represent more than 3,000 aviation businesses and individuals who safely operate more than 4,500 helicopters approximately 2.3 million hours each year in more than 73 nations. HAI is dedicated to the promotion of the helicopter as a safe, effective method of commerce and to the advancement of the international helicopter community.