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Dear Acting Assistant Secretary Pula:

Hafa Adai! As you may be aware, Guam's essential public services continue to experience increasing demand from residents of the Compact states; a demand which strains our government's ability to effectively serve the people of Guam. Though the challenges are both dynamic and wide-ranging in nature, many of the negative Compact-related impacts felt by Guam are linked to distinctly insufficient reimbursements from the federal Government.

The lacking nature of federal reimbursements is compounded by Guam's increasing role in the realignment of US armed forces in the Pacific. To date, the Government of Guam is taking every possible step to prepare for a massive increase in our population and the resultant impacts on our infrastructure.

In spite of these challenges, Guam continues to endure the result of unmitigated migration from Compact areas. Though many Compact citizens have become valuable members of our local community, we cannot ignore the inadequate nature of the Federal Government's support.

To that end, the Government of Guam, through the office of the Governor, has submitted reports in line with section 104(e) (8) of P.L. 108-188. These reports detailed Governor Felix P. Camacho's comments on the impacts of the Compact of Free Association, as well as his recommendations to mitigate those consequences. We fully expect that Federal mandates are followed, or that sufficient justification to the contrary be provided. To be clear: have these reports been submitted as required by statute, and if not, what has prevented their transmittal?

I have taken personal interest in the profound body of work being continued by Senator Frank Blas Jr. His efforts further our ongoing advancement on this issue, and the administration is glad to stand behind that effort.

Sinseru yan Magâhet,

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