



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON DC 20350-1500

May 11, 2009

The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack  
Secretary of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Ave SW  
Washington, DC 20250-0003

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On February 17, 2009, Secretary of State Clinton and Japanese Foreign Minister Nakasone signed an agreement committing our respective nations to relocate 8,000 Marines and their family members from Okinawa to Guam. Both Congress and the Interagency Task Force have agreed that Guam's civilian infrastructure must be improved to meet the requirements of the increased civilian and military population. Accordingly, I strongly request your support and approval of the Government of Guam's grant application under Title I of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, for a new municipal solid waste landfill facility and related infrastructure improvement projects.

The Department of Defense is helping to improve Guam's infrastructure through the Defense Access Roads Program, upgrades to power and wastewater utilities, workforce housing and healthcare, and other initiatives. Nonetheless, a new environmentally compliant solid waste landfill is essential for Guam's growth and development and solves a long-standing environmental problem for the community. Without Federal support and assistance, Guam is constrained in its ability to fund the new landfill.

I appreciate the strong partnership already formed by our Departments as we address long-standing infrastructure shortfalls supporting U.S. citizens on Guam. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BJ Penn", is written over a faint, circular official stamp.

BJ Penn  
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