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Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hesler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Madame Speaker:

Attached is Bill No. 222-33 (COR), entitled, "*An Act to Amend Sections 6207 AND 6207.1 and to New Sections 6218.2 and 6218.3 to Chapter 6, Title 4 of the Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Prohibiting Bonus Pay and Mandating Proper Pay and Pay Adjustment Processing for Unclassified Employees,*" which I have **VETOED**.

The reason for my veto is that as passed and submitted, Bill No. 222 specifically identifies and treats the unclassified employees of the Governor and Lt. Governor's offices who receive increases in base pay differently than unclassified employees in the rest of the government who receive similar increases, including employees in the legislative and judicial branches. Bill 222 additionally ignores the massive spike in payments caused by the practice of unclassified employees at the Legislature who regularly cash out lump sum annual leave at the end of every term.

Prudent, responsible fiscal management is the obligation of every government entity, including the legislative and judicial branches. Whether classified or unclassified, the hard working Government of Guam employees deserve to be treated equally and fairly regardless of which branch or agency they serve in.

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For this reason, and pursuant to my Organic Act authority, I am submitting together with this letter an amended version of Bill No. 222 for introduction and consideration. This amended bill accomplishes the goals and intent of the original bill, but it does so equally for all three branches of government and every agency, including autonomous and semiautonomous agencies, public corporations, and other public instrumentalities of the Government of Guam.

I know that the legislative and judicial branches share with the executive branch the same goal of government-wide financial stability and parity. And I trust that they will not hesitate to step up and take action as necessary to ensure that the Government of Guam is operated responsibly and equitably. As public servants, we owe the People no less.

Senseramente,



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