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Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
33rd Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Place
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Dear Madam Speaker,

I am transmitting the attached legislation for introduction. The bill will prioritize excess funds to Guam Memorial Hospital by de-appropriating lapses carried forward by the Legislature and appropriating those funds to GMH.

I wish to thank the Legislature for its release of financial records that led to the discovery of about \$1.3 million in lapses carried forward from the previous fiscal year. Indeed, we have found that the lapses have been growing nearly every year, according to the records the Legislature sent to us.

The appropriation of this unused money to GMH will provide a payment source for Medicaid, which the federal government will match. That frees up nearly an equal amount of cash for GMH to pay down its debt to the Retirement Fund. Essentially, the Legislature will be able to give GMH and all its patients a '2 for 1 deal.'

Thank you for your time and your support for GMH. We look forward to a swift hearing. Our office is willing to help you all with the public hearing on this bill, which we hope will be scheduled right away.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eddie Baza Calvo", written in a cursive style.

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Governor of Guam