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Dear Speaker Won Pat,

I'm writing to confirm with you the date of Christine Baletto's public hearing on her appointment as Department of Administration director. There has not been an announcement of her public hearing and I think it's long past due that the other 14 members of the Legislature have the opportunity to sit down with her and determine for themselves whether they believe she has the capability to do the job.

With a little over six weeks under her belt, Christine has proven she's up to the task of running a department. As you know, acting directors can fill in that position for 90 days. We are beyond the halfway point and there has been no notice of a public hearing. It is a complete disservice to the people of Guam for Senator Michael San Nicolas to hold her nomination hostage. It creates instability in an agency that has a host of responsibilities. DOA oversees the central accounting responsibilities for line departments and agencies accounting for almost \$1 billion dollars of revenues and expenditures spread over 100 governmental funds, accounting and management of over 600 federal grants, processing invoices for 46 line agencies and semi-autonomous agencies, over 5,300 general ledger accounts, over 150 bank and bond accounts, to name a few. Another of her many jobs is working with the Department of Revenue and Taxation to ensure tax refunds are paid out on a timely basis.

Please note that tax refunds have continued to go out steadily. In addition, Christine has taken the lead on the important issue of the potential revision of the Defined Contributions Retirement Plan proposal. Senator San Nicolas' insistence on playing these political games is alarming, particularly after seeing this administration's track record of paying tax refunds within months of the returns being filed.

We are not paying refunds to the people so that one senator can unshackle a nominee. We are paying refunds because it has been and **ALWAYS** will be the Calvo Tenorio Commitment to the people of Guam.



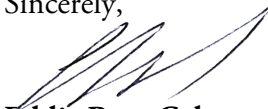
For anyone to hide behind the threat of a holding a nominee hostage to FORCE the administration to pay tax refunds, is akin to an attorney chasing an ambulance looking for an easy case — or in this instance, an easy political buck.

I only mention this because this is the excuse Senator San Nicolas is using to put off Christine’s confirmation hearing. He did this with the late Senator Tony Blaz, former Department of Administration director. And again, it was all for naught. Senator San Nicolas knew tax refunds would be paid out — even before he became a senator, this administration said tax refunds would be paid out. We kept our word and we did our job.

Senator San Nicolas needs to do his job — a part of which is to allow all of the senators to do their job. Christine’s nomination deserves public input that is provided through a public hearing, which will be followed by a discussion on session floor for an up or down vote by the 33rd Guam Legislature.

I look forward to seeing her confirmation hearing scheduled.

Sincerely,



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