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RESOLUTIONS

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203-36 (LS)	Tina Rose Mufia Barnes Mary Camacho Torres Telena Cruz Nelson Therese M. Terlaje Amanda L. Shelton Joe S. San Agustin Jose "Pedro" Terlaje James C. Moylan V. Anthony Ada	Relative to expressing the support of <i>I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan</i> (the 36th Guam Legislature) for the passage of the Build Back Better framework, which would provide needed investments in the community of Guam including parity for U.S. Citizens residing in the territories through Supplemental Security Income inclusion and expansion of Medicaid.	11/4/21 9:43 a.m.			11/4/21	Author	11/19/21 8:00 a.m.	11/24/21 4:17 p.m. As amended by the Author	



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The Honorable Therese M. Terlaje

Speaker

I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan

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VIA: The Honorable Amanda L. Shelton *Ashelton*
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: Author Report on Resolution No. 203-36 (COR) As amended by the Author

Dear Speaker Terlaje:

Transmitted herewith is the Author Report on Resolution No. 203-36 (LS), As amended by the Author - Introduced by Tina Rose Muña Barnes/ Mary Camacho Torres/ Telen Cruz Nelson/ Therese M. Terlaje/ Amanda L. Shelton/ Joe S. San Agustin/ Jose "Pedro" Terlaje/ James C. Moylan/ and V. Anthony Ada.

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MEMO

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Ana Won Pat-Borja
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Senator Amanda L. Shelton**
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: **Referral of Resolution No. 203-36 (LS)**

Håfa adai,

As per my authority as Acting Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of **Resolution No. 203-36 (LS)** – Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Mary Camacho Torres, Telen Cruz Nelson, Therese M. Terlaje, Amanda L. Shelton, Joe S. San Agustin, Jose “Pedro” Terlaje, James C. Moylan, V. Anthony Ada– “Relative to expressing the support of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the 36th Guam Legislature) for the passage of the Build Back Better framework, which would provide needed investments in the community of Guam including parity for U.S. Citizens residing in the territories through Supplemental Security Income inclusion and expansion of Medicaid.”

Please ensure that the subject resolution is referred to **Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Author of Resolution No. 203-36 (LS)**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Senator Amanda L. Shelton

Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules





Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes <senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org>

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To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Fri, Nov 12, 2021 at 8:42 AM

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TO: All Senators, Media, and Stakeholders

FROM: Senator Mary Camacho Torres

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Wed, Nov 17, 2021 at 8:00 AM

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Name	Agency/ Organization	Oral Testimony	Written Testimony	Support	Not in Support	Contact Information
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Manana si Yu'os

I'd like to thank Senator Mary Torres for hosting this hearing for me as well as my seven colleagues who signed on to this resolution with us.

A few months ago, we empaneled legal scholars, government representatives, and community stakeholders to discuss the impact of federal policies and how it has disenfranchised not only the People of Guam but nearly four million Americans across the territories. I also had the honor of testifying in front of the House Committee on Natural Resources to advocate for Guam's inclusion in crucial federal programs such as SSI and parity when it comes to the applicability of Medicaid to Guam.

Together, Senator Torres and I continued to advocate for the inclusion of Guam in federal programs such as Social Security Income. We wrote countless letters to Chairman Grijalva, Vice Chair Killili Sablan, and Congressional Leadership. We engaged with the White House. And we reminded them that they did not have to wait for the courts to finally address the injustices of the past—it had the power to do so right now. I repeatedly requested that Congress, under its Plenary Powers, pass legislation that would create equity among states AND territories as it relates to the application of federal programs.

Congress has finally heeded to our call.

Today, ladies and gentlemen, we have before us the Build Back Better Plan—legislation that brings Guam and our sister Territories closer to parity.

The Biden Build Back Better Framework will extend SSI benefits to Guam and increase Medicaid Funding for Guam, effectively averting the Medicaid Cliff. It will also provide access to childcare, free preschool, make higher education more affordable, provide training opportunities for our People to obtain high-paying jobs, reduce the cost of housing, and cut taxes for many of our hard-working families.

The Build Back Better framework is a key investment in Guam's future—furthering education, helping working families get back on their feet, and position our island for a brighter economic future, and I would like to enter the White House Fact Sheet on What the “The Build Back Better Framework Will Deliver for Guam” into the record.

I would also be remiss if I did not take the time to thank a few individuals who joined Mary and I on this journey. Attorney Rod Jacob, who has passionately advocated for Leslie and Katrina Schaller as well as Attorney Neal Weare with Equally American who have both played a key role to tell the Guam Story with us in the halls of Congress. Lastly, someone who I have the honor of working with, and the privilege to call a friend, Chairman Raul Grijalva. I appreciate you taking the time to provide written testimony for this hearing at such a short notice, and as soon as my office receives it, I

will ensure that it is appended to the record of this hearing and disseminated to all my colleagues. Mr. Chairman, I thank you for your continued advocacy for Guam and the Territories, I thank you for your support and partnership as we truly *Build Back Better*.

For months, members of the Guam Legislature, our Governor, our Delegate to Congress, and leaders from all the territories have urged Congressional Leadership and the Biden Administration to extend access to much needed social services to the territories and end the “separate but equal” treatment. With a united voice, we were able to tell our story and I am honored to have my colleagues join me as we make this final push and cross the finish line.

si Yu’os ma’åse!



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Testimony of Anthony M. Babauta

Chairman, Democratic Party of Guam

On Resolution 203-36 - "Relative to expressing the support of I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan (36th Guam Legislature) for the passage of the Build Back Better framework, which would provide needed investments in the community of Guam including parity for U.S. citizens residing in the territories through Supplemental Security Income and expansion of Medicaid"

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November 19, 2021

Buenas Yan Hafa Adai Committee Members. My name is Anthony M. Babauta and I am both honored and pleased to join you this morning as the Committee receives testimony on Resolution 203-36 which, if passed, would express the Guam Legislature's endorsement of the Build Back Better Act, which as you know is a key legislative initiative of President Joe Biden. I appear in my capacity as Chairman of the Democratic Party of Guam, and offer our resolute support in favor of this Resolution's passage.

We would like to thank the Resolution's main sponsor, Vice Speaker Tina Muña Barnes, for her leadership on this issue and her consistent engagement with the U.S. Congress and the Executive Branch on a multitude of issues that define Guam's relationship with the federal government.

We want to thank the Vice Speaker's democratic colleagues, Speaker Terlaje and Senators Nelson, Shelton, San Augustin, and Pedo Terlaje for their co-sponsorship. Equally, the Democratic Party expresses its gratitude to minority Senators Camacho Torres, Moylan and Ada, for adding their support to this measure which makes this effort a truly bipartisan endeavor.

President Biden's Build Back Better Act proposes a once-in-a-lifetime investment for Guam, as well as our sister U.S. territories and States in our Union. If passed by the U.S. Congress, Build Back Better will create new jobs at higher wages, open the doors to join the workforce, spur long term economic growth, and reduce the cost of living for the one hundred sixty thousand residents who have made Guam their home. The Act also provides opportunities for our island to live a cleaner, more sustainable lifestyle, and ultimately ensure that we can do our part to combat climate change and rising sea levels.

For many reasons, Guam's cost of living is high and getting ends to meet in many households can be a month-to-month and paycheck-to-paycheck challenge. For many households with children, whether traditional or single parents, making ends meet means taking on a second or even a third

job. Studies show that when a parent has to work more than one job, it could negatively impact the livelihoods and futures of their child. Data has further shown that 1 in 10 Asian American and Pacific Islander parents have had to quit, turn down, or make changes to their jobs due to disruptions to their childcare. President Biden's Build Back Better Plan will ease the burden on families with investments that, if enacted, would save families thousands of dollars in childcare and preschool costs and build a strong, stable early learning system that meets the needs of families, providers, and the economy.

Guam's housing costs have risen to where homeownership for most residents seems unreachable. Many factors of course affect the cost of homes, and apart from construction costs one of them is supply. President Biden's Build Back Better Plan will address the supply issue by enabling the construction, rehabilitation, and improvement of more than 1 million homes. This would increase the supply of housing and drive prices down. Because homeownership is a path to building wealth and a stronger middle class, we need to be extra vigilant of this program and how we get resources to build more affordable homes for our people.

I'm a strong proponent of taking advantage of federal opportunities, so it's gratifying to know that on this housing issue, Vice Speaker Barnes and Senators San Augustin, Shelton, Nelson, Pedro Terlaje, and Mary Camacho Torres, have been working with the Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration to proactively engage the Department of Housing and Urban Development seeking federally designated revitalization areas on Guam. It is my understanding that based on your efforts, data has been compiled and submitted to HUD and soon our island will learn of the success of your effort.

Former President Trump's initiative, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, which remains the law of the land, made permanent corporate tax cuts and by and large, has been criticized for increasing the national debt, creating greater income inequality, decreased healthcare coverage while increasing its cost, and created disproportionate impacts on States and territories. In response, as we know, former Governor Calvo signed into law a local measure increasing the island's Business Privilege Tax and additional 1% - where it remains today. Build Back Better proposes to fund itself by not allowing large corporations to zero out their taxes and not adding additional taxes to anyone making below \$400,000.

More importantly, it will continue providing opportunity for the middle class and for Guam, the President's Plan will extend Child Tax Credit (CTC) increases of \$300/month per child under 6 or \$250/month per child ages 6 to 17. The framework will also provide a tax cut of up to \$1,500 in tax cuts for low-wage workers in Guam by extending the American Rescue Plan's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) expansion.

To keep higher education within reach for our young adults, Build Back Better will increase Pell grants for nearly three thousand students on Guam who currently benefit from it. It is our hope that with this added relief, we can find ways to unlock further access to education beyond high school for all of our graduating students.

From my perspective of working on Capitol Hill, the Obama Administration, and Governor Leon Guerrero's chief of staff, I understand the many years of work that went towards telling Guam's story as it relates to Guam and her sister territories treatment under the federal program of Medicaid - which was always underfunded and unfairly applied - and Supplemental Security Income (SSI), which among the territories was only accessible to the Northern Mariana Islands. Governors and Delegates, both past and present - from all our territories, no matter the political party, have fought to increase Medicaid allotments and the federal match, which was first enacted under Obamacare. And subsequently, those increased benefits needed to be defended and extended since.

Similarly, extending the federal benefits to aged, blind, and disabled adults and children under the SSI program to U.S. citizens in U.S. territories is long overdue. President Biden's plan takes the historical step of making federal dollars available for some of our most challenged residents and allowing those families who had no other choice but to move away from Guam for SSI - return home and be surrounded by loved ones.

The President's plan also walks back every territory from the Medicaid cliff - and provides Guam \$140 million while reducing our matching requirement. This will expand healthcare access to our residents and unburden our local dollars so that we can make investments elsewhere for the benefit of our progress.

Again, these two issues have been championed by our elected leaders for decades and the story has been repeated year after year and the argument made from Administration to Administration. If passed, we thank all elected leaders from years past to the present, no matter the party. And we should remember our past leaders because they championed the cause term after term.

And for those in office today, to include Members of this body, we thank you for seizing the opportunity that President Biden's Build Back Better plan holds for the country and, most especially our island. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the country and our island to Build Back Better.

Finally, I encourage the Committee to amend the Resolution's final Resolved clause, to include minority leaders from both the U.S. House and Senate. The Democratic Party of Guam recognizes that your effort is bipartisan and national leaders from the Republican Party should know that Guam's elected Republicans are unequivocally in favor of Build Back Better's enactment before the end of this year. We look forward to the Committee moving forward with this measure and for its final approval by the entire body.

Thank you for the opportunity and your consideration.



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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November 19, 2021

Office of Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Author of Resolution No. 203-36 (LS)

Håfa adai, Vice Speaker Muña Barnes.

Si Yu'os ma'åse' for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this Resolution.

The Build Back Better Act presents several ways to provide immediate relief for our people through measures that help to alleviate the deficiencies of our unincorporated Territory status. I express my support for the Resolution and am hopeful that the Build Back Better Act will bring real aid and assistance to our people and a degree of parity to Guam and the Territories.

Although improvements to the status quo such as those found in the Build Back Better Act put Guam on a slippery slope toward further integration with United States without the expressed consent of the colonized people of Guam through an act of Self-determination, we must still pursue policies that alleviate the stresses and inequities of colonization that continue to burden our people. I nevertheless urge you and this Body to continue advancing our island's quest for decolonization and recommend that language be included in the Resolution to call further attention to our historic struggles and consistent fight for true Self-governance, the deficiencies of our Territorial status, and our need for the action and support of the Congress and the Executive in our efforts for Self-determination and genuine decolonization.

si Yu'os ma'åse'.

kon respetu,



si Nolan Flores



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I. OVERVIEW

Resolution No. 203-36 was introduced on November 4, 2021, by Vice Speaker Muña Barnes and was subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to Vice Speaker Muña Barnes, Author, on November 4, 2021. The Author convened a virtual public hearing on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Friday, November 12, 2021 (5-Day Notice), and again on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 (48-Hour Notice).

Senators Present

Senator Mary Camacho Torres

Senator Telenia C. Nelson

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing was called-to-order at 8:05 a.m.

Senator Mary Camacho Torres: Good Morning. *Manana si Yu'os yan Bueñas yan Håfa Adai todus hamyo!* On behalf of Vice Speaker Muña Barnes and as a main sponsor of Resolution No. 203-36 (LS), I call the virtual hearing on Resolution No. 203-36 (LS) to order ...it is now 8:05am.

For the record and in accordance with 5 GCA, Chapter 8, Subsection 8107, public hearing notices were sent on Friday, November 12, 2021 adhering to the 5 days' notice, and a second public notice on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 48-hours prior.

In addition, this hearing was noticed on the legislature's website – www.guamlegislature.com. Written testimonies may be submitted by emailing senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org or you may hand deliver to our office at 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam.

This hearing is being conducted virtually via the zoom meeting platform.

The host will mute all zoom participants until called upon by the chair. Once recognized, we ask you to unmute yourself and speak clearly into your mic.

Each senator will be allowed to pose questions to those testifying as needed after the panel has concluded their presentation.

The item on today's agenda, ladies and gentlemen, is:

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Joining me here this morning is Mr. Tony Babauta.

With that being said, we will now move on to the first item on the agenda and I will begin by reading Vice Speaker Muña Barnes’s sponsor statement.

Senator Mary Torres reads sponsor statement from Vice Speaker Muña Barnes that is attached to this Author’s Report.

Anthony M. Babauta, Chairman of the Democratic Party of Guam: Thank you very much Madam Chair and Thank you for the opportunity.

Mr. Babuata reads written testimony that is attached to this Author’s Report.

Senator Mary Camacho Torres: Thank you, Mr. Babauta. We appreciate you also giving the breadth of what the Build Back Better Framework entails. I think it’s important that people understand its far-reaching impact and how it especially has benefits to the most vulnerable people in our community at this point or in the marginalize. So we appreciate that.

We also take note of your recommendation to amend the portion of the resolution, the resolved portion of the resolution to include minority leaders in the distribution of the copies of the resolution should it pass. So that will be noted and taken into account. Thank you very much.

Okay, at this point I would like to end by expressing our si Yu’os ma’åse’ for coming to testify. This public hearing on

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This resolution has been duly heard and I am now calling this public hearing adjourned, the time now is 8:20 AM

Any individuals who wish to submit testimony may do so by emailing it to

senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org or you may send or hand deliver it to 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910.

Thank you everyone for attending Mr. Babauta for attending and Senator Nelson, I saw that you were on briefly. Si Yu'os Ma'åse and have a great day and Happy Thanksgiving to everybody.

The Hearing was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Testimony for Resolution No. 54-36 (LS) was in support of the resolution. Suggested amendments were recommended to the Author. Recommendations included adding Minority leaders from both the U.S. House and Senate, which were incorporated into the amended resolution.

Vice Speaker Muña Barnes hereby reports on Resolution No. 203-36 (LS) As amended by the Author - “Relative to expressing the support of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan* (the 36th Guam Legislature) for the passage of the Build Back Better framework, which would provide needed investments in the community of Guam including parity for U.S. Citizens residing in the territories through Supplemental Security Income inclusion and expansion of Medicaid.” with the recommendation **to do adopt.**

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23 **WHEREAS**, the framework includes a significant effort to bring down costs
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25 investment in affordable housing; extending the expanded Earned Income Tax
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7 Additionally, the framework will address down payment assistance and allow more
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