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Hafa Adai, Honorable Tina Rose Muna Barnes:

Please find attached letter from Governor Leon Guerrero regarding COVID-19 Local Funding.

Thank you.

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Hafa Adai Speaker Muña-Barnes:

I would first like to first thank you for your continued support in our efforts to address the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on Guam. As I am sure you are aware, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was recently signed by the President of the United States this past Saturday, March 28, 2020 which provides millions of dollars in relief to our people and businesses of Guam.

Even before the CARES Act was enacted, my Administration had been monitoring its legislative progress and had already begun working with counterpart federal agencies to ensure we were prepared for its eventual passage. Over the past forty-eight hours, since the enactment of the CARES Act, we have already seen such planning bear fruit with my signing of the Agreement between the government of Guam and the U.S. Department of Labor to initiate the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) Program. This is just one example of the efficiency from which my Administration is working.

As you know, my Administration is working every day to reign in and control the spread of COVID-19. At the same time, agencies are also working earnestly to both understand and be prepared to receive additional federal assistance found within the CARES Act.

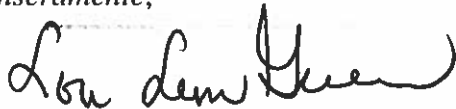
The call for a legislative session may be premature, as we want to ensure that we are exhausting all federal assistance made available to Guam by the CARES Act, the Families First Coronavirus Act, and the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act.

I am very appreciative of the Guam Legislature's willingness to address growing concerns because of the spread of COVID-19 on Guam. However, I caution that to develop programs locally, using local funds, may duplicate federal programs currently enacted to give relief to businesses and individuals. I would prefer holding onto our local funding which is needed to pay for costs upfront by the local government to respond to COVID-19. It is clear that COVID-19 may be something that we will battle for many weeks to come.

We will win our fight by doing all our parts, staying home, washing our hands and ensuring etiquette coughing; these actions will help us in our battle against this invisible enemy.

Your support is appreciated.

Senseramente,



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