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March 21, 2020

**THE HONORABLE WILLIAM P. BARR**

Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20416

**Re: Behavior untoward of a United States Attorney**

Attorney General Barr:

I write to report unacceptable behavior from the United States Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, Shawn N. Anderson.

While Guam is often forgotten in Washington, D.C., I expect that members of the United States Department of Justice would understand that our island is a territory of the United States where the people are subject to not only federal law, but also local law. I would certainly hope that the man President Trump has appointed as a United States Attorney would understand and respect that simple rule of law.

Guam, just like everywhere else in the world, is working tirelessly to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 on our island. Under the Organic Act of Guam passed by the United States Congress and signed into law by the president in 1950, I, as *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, have the obligation and the responsibility to quarantine individuals for the protection of Guam against the importation and spread of disease. And earlier this month, I issued executive orders to that effect. That decision has affected our guests and our people greatly, but they have complied. Our people complied because they understood the dangers this virus poses to them and their loved ones. They complied because they understand our hospitals and clinics are swamped and are caring for other illnesses and conditions, not just the novel coronavirus.

Apparently, this United States attorney could not comprehend the severity of the issue. Yesterday, I was forced to take precious time and resources away from our response efforts to deal with the arrogance and disrespectful behavior of Mr. Anderson. His decision to challenge my executive orders created an atmosphere of noncompliance and threatens our local government's ability to respond to this public health emergency. Let me be clear. I did not bend to his title when I asked my public health nurses and customs officers to let Mr. Anderson through. I did so to protect Mr. Anderson from the dangers he would face being imprisoned alongside those that his office has caused to be detained.

To: The Honorable William P. Barr  
Fr: Governor of Guam  
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I respectfully request that you join in my demand to have Mr. Anderson removed as the United States Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

*Senseremente,*



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Governor of Guam

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