

## SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE

Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice I Mina' trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan 35th Guam Legislature

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## **Transmitted via Electronic Mail:**

The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes Speaker

I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagåtña, Guam 96910 speaker@guamlegislature.org

SUBJECT: Request for Call to Session to Override the Veto of Substitute Bill No. 333-35

Dear Speaker Muña Barnes,

This letter is to request your assistance and support of a swift override for Substitute Bill No. 333-35 (COR), which was vetoed by the Governor on April 28<sup>th</sup>. As you are aware, Bill No. 333-35 was unanimously passed by the Legislature on April 16<sup>th</sup>. I respectfully request you call us into session for the purpose of the override of the veto as soon as possible.

The immediate enactment of Substitute Bill No. 333-35 (COR) is urgent as it mandates transparency relative to the expenditure of the \$129 Million in federal funds allocated to Guam through the CARES Act. These federal funds are already sitting in Guam bank accounts, with potentially more amounts on the way that may be made available through additional CARES Act grants or additional Congressional action. The Bill also allows for additional measures to expedite the relief to the people of Guam, many who have lost jobs or have been without pay since the closure of businesses on March 16th.

Thank you for your expeditious consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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CC: All Senators, 35th Guam Legislature