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PRESS RELEASE

Pacific Association for Radiation Survivors (PARS) partnership progresses Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) legislation for Guam

Immediate Release (Tuesday July 14, 2020). The Pacific Association for Radiation Survivors have worked with friends and fellow Downwinders from Idaho, New Mexico, and the Post 71 Uranium Miners to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) for those who were exposed to nuclear fallout and uranium mining.

The people of Guam have suffered from cancer and other diseases due to nuclear fallout for many years and PARS is hopeful that Guam's inclusion in RECA will bring most needed and deserved medical and financial assistance.

PARS received confirmation from Senator Mike Crapo's office that they will be including three amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act 2020. These amendments would add the RECA bill S. 947, which would qualify Guam for RECA, suggest that the U.S. should compensate people suffering from the effects of nuclear testing, and extend the RECA trust fund by two years, allowing more time for individuals to submit claims and receive compensation.

Congressman Ben Ray Lujan (NM) also called for the RECA Amendments of 2019 to be included in the COVID-19 relief legislation during a hearing of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

PARS truly appreciates the work that has been done for us in Congress with Congressional Staffers working and coordinating with our alliance, Senator Therese Terlaje from 35th Guam Legislature, Tona Henderson from the Idaho Downwinders, Tina Cordova from the New Mexico Downwinders, and Linda Evers from Post 71 New Mexico.

These two approaches in Congress give us another chance to have our bills passed and by the Grace of God our prayers will be answered. President Robert Celestial gives personal thanks to all the members of PARS Guam for their patience and diligence in assuring that we are not forgotten in Congress.

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