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**HONORABLE LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
GOVERNOR OF GUAM  
RICARDO J. BORDALLO, GOVERNOR'S COMPLEX  
HAGÅTÑA, GUAM 96910**

**RE: PLEASE PAY TAX REFUNDS WITH SECTION 30 FUNDS**

Dear Governor Leon Guerrero;

On September 5, 2020, the Department of Interior announced that nearly \$70 million was being remitted to Guam for federal income tax advance payments under Section 30 of the Organic Act of Guam. Historically, administrations have utilized these monies to pay tax refunds, and in recent years this has assisted with the court order of paying refunds within six months from the filing deadline. I would like to request if your administration can immediately start paying out a large volume of tax refunds with the Section 30 funds.

I understand that the filing deadline shifted from April 15 to July 15 this year, hence the court mandated release date has been shifted to January 15, 2021. If we don't start paying out these refunds now, we may not have the lump sum amounts available at the time as we do right now. I also recognize that your administration is slowly paying out tax refunds, such as the \$4.2 million released according to a September 12, 2020 announcement. Thus, we need to expedite the process to get more money out within the community.

The island is struggling, hence getting a large volume of refunds out now will allow families to make vital purchases, pay bills and help stimulate our economy. This opportunity may not come later if the Section 30 monies are used for other expenditures, and both the Business Privilege and Withholding Taxes are not collected as projected during the holiday season in December. My concern is that the government may not have a large lump sum of funds available in January.

In closing, I recognize you have your schedules and plans in paying out tax refunds. However, with nearly \$70 million available currently through the Section 30 funds, I do request that your administration consider expediting the payment of these refunds. Now more than ever, those monies would be very welcoming to thousands of families. Thank you very much for your consideration of my request.

Respectfully;

James C. Moylan

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