April 24, 2009

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
15th FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941

RE: C.A. No. 15-83

Dear Speaker Figir:

This Act amends Public Law No. 15-31 which appropriated the sum of $342,000 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2008 for the purpose to fund Public Projects for Pohnpei State. The purpose of this Act is to change use and amounts of certain funds for Pohnpei States projects resulting in increasing and decreasing the sum of certain line items.

It has become a routine practice to change the use and amount of funds previously appropriated for social projects and programs. While I fully support the idea of social and infrastructure development through funding of public projects and programs, I believe we should be extra careful with repetitive changes to appropriation law because such practice may implicate indecision of government planning and/or policy. Frequent amendment has a tendency to taint the original intent or policy of legislation. Moreover, it may in the eyes of the public points to weakness in government planning and decision-making. With these concerns, I transmit to you Congressional Act No. 15-83, which become Public Law No. 15-79 without my signature, entitled:

Congressional Act No. 15-83, “AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-31 BY AMENDING SECTION 1 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN FOR THE STATE OF Pohnpei, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sincerely,

Manny Mori
President

Enclosures:

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
Secretary, Department of Justice
Legislative Counsel, CFSM
Library, CFSM
Director, SBOC
PIO, FSM
March 23, 2009

His Excellency Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear President Mori:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 15-83, "AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-31 BY AMENDING SECTION 1 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN FOR THE STATE OF Pohnpei, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Seventh Special Session, 2009, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Liwiana K. Ramon
Chief Clerk, Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia

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TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-31 BY AMENDING SECTION 1 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN FOR THE STATE OF POHNPEI, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: DOHSIS HALBERT
DATE: MARCH 16, 2009

REFERRED TO: WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
WITHDRAWN – MARCH 18, 2009

FIRST READING: MARCH 18, 2009
SECOND READING: MARCH 19, 2009

Liwiana K. Ramon
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
ACT NO. 15–83

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 15–190)

We hereby certify that on March 19 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Seventh Special Session, 2009, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia

Liwiana K. Ramon
Chief Clerk
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
AN ACT

To amend Public Law No. 15-31 by amending section 1 thereof, to change the use of certain funds previously appropriated therein for the State of Pohnpei, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Section 1 of Public Law No. 15-31, as amended by Public Law No. 15-54, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. The sum of $342,000 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 for the purpose of funding public projects in the State of Pohnpei, and is apportioned as follows:

1. Kapingamarangi Airport ................... $141,000
2. Kolonia Town Court House ................ 42,000
3. Upper Ipwal to Upper Roie Road construction .................. 96,080
4. Tomara Road concrete completion ...... 10,000
5. Nanmadap Road concrete completion .... 5,000
6. Students' financial assistance (COM-FSM) 4,000
7. Project management ...................... 43,920"
Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

[Signature]

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Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia

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