January 11, 2010

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir  
Speaker  
16th FSM Congress  
Palikir, Pohnpei State, FM 96941

Dear Speaker Figir:

Transmitted herewith is the following Congressional Act, which has become Public Law No. 16-21 without my signature.

Congressional Act No. 16-19, "AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-31, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 1 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN FOR THE STATE OF POHNPEI, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

As I shared to you before, in connection with Public Law No. 16-2 which was the amendment prior to this act, repeated changes in public project appropriations could be interpreted as indecision, or weakness, on our part as government planners and decision-makers. I also stated that while I do not oppose public projects, repeated changes in public project appropriation – the last amendment being 6 months ago - should be exercised with extreme caution to avoid the appearances that public projects are sheer politically-motivated. For this reason, I am compelled to allow this act to become law without signature.

I thank you and all the members of Congress for the time spent on this matter.

Sincerely,

Manny Mori  
President

Enclosures:

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court  
Secretary, Department of Justice  
Director, Office of SBOC  
Legislative Counsel, CFSM  
Library, CFSM  
PIO, FSM
December 08, 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. 16-19, "AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-31, AS AMENDED, 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 Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second 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, AS AMENDED, 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: DECEMBER 1, 2009

REFERRED TO: WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
S.C.R. NO. 16-52 – DECEMBER 5, 2009
FIRST READING: DECEMBER 7, 2009
SECOND READING: DECEMBER 8, 2009

Liwiana K. Ramon
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
We hereby certify that on December 8 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second 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, as amended, 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:

Section 1. Section 1 of Public Law No. 15-31 as amended by Public Laws Nos. 15-54, 15-79 and 16-2, 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 $107,295
(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
(8) Kapingamarangi Bridge repair $24,530
(9) Construction related equipment
(wheelbarrow and push-cart) $9,175"
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.

_______________________________________, 2010

Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia