March 22, 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. 16-29 without my signature.

Congressional Act No. 16-29, "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 1, 2 AND 3 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-23, AN APPROPRIATION FOR FUNDING FISCAL YEAR 2010 ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS FOR THE STATES OF KOSRAE, POHNPPEI AND CHUUK, BY CHANGING THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN FOR CHUUK AND KOSRAE STATES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

This Act sought amendment to Public Law No. 16-23, which became law without my signature. I have raised some serious concerns in relation to Public Law No. 16-23 and offered in the past certain recommendations concerning the need to revisit the budget procedures of this Nation. While it is evident in this Act that same concerns I have raised in the past are remain to be fully addressed, I am nevertheless hopeful that invaluable opportunity will be forthcoming where we can put our heads together as national leaders and paddle toward the best interests of our societies and citizens.

I thank you and all the members of Congress for the effort spent on this matter and look forward to a more meaningful joint undertaking in the future on the similar subjects.

Sincerely,

Manny Mori
President

Enclosures:

xc:  Chief Justice, Acting FSM Supreme Court
     Secretary, Department of Justice
     Legislative Counsel, CFSM
     Library, CFSM
     Director, Office of SBOC
     PIO, FSM
February 19, 2010

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. 16-29, "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 1, 2 AND 3 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-23, AN APPROPRIATION FOR FUNDING FISCAL YEAR 2010 ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS FOR THE STATES OF KOSRAE, Pohnpei AND Chuuk, BY CHANGING THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN FOR CHUUK AND KOSRAE STATES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. ", which was passed by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2010, 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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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: TONY H. OTTO
DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2010

REFERRED TO: WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
WITHDRAWN – FEBRUARY 15, 2010
FIRST READING: FEBRUARY 15, 2010
SECOND READING: FEBRUARY 16, 2010

Liwiana K. Ramon
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
We hereby certify that on February 16 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2010, 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 Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Public Law No. 16-23, an appropriation for funding fiscal year 2010 economic and social projects and programs for the States of Kosrae, Pohnpei and Chuuk, by changing the use and allottee of certain funds previously appropriated therein for Chuuk and Kosrae States, 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. 16-23 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Appropriation. The sum of $199,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, for the purpose of funding Economic and Social Projects and Programs in the States of Kosrae, Pohnpei and Chuuk. The funds appropriated under this section shall be apportioned as follows:

(1) State of Kosrae ......................... $ 5,000

(a) Students' transportation needs.. 5,000

(2) State of Pohnpei ......................... 30,000

(a) Election District No. 1

(i) Project Management........... 30,000

(3) State of Chuuk ......................... 164,000

(a) At-Large ......................... 49,000

(i) Public Facilities........... 30,000

(ii) Project Management........ 9,000
(iii) Sea Transportation........ $10,000
(b) Election District No. 1........ 14,000
   (i) Project Management......... 7,000
   (ii) CSCIP operation........... 3,000
   (iii) Multi-purpose building.... 4,000
(c) Election District No. 2........ 35,000
   (i) Project Management......... 25,000
   (ii) Youth Sports Activities... 10,000
(d) Election District No. 3........ 20,000
   (i) Project Management......... 20,000
(e) Election District No. 4........ 25,000
   (i) Faichuk Development
Authority subsidy......................... 20,000
(ii) CSCIP Operation.............. 5,000
(f) Election District No. 5........ 21,000
   (i) Project Management......... 21,000

Section 2. Section 2 of Public Law No. 16-23 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. Allotment and management of funds and lapse date. All funds appropriated by this act shall be allotted, managed, administered and accounted for in accordance with applicable laws, including, but not limited to, the Financial Management Act of 1979. The allottee shall be responsible for ensuring that these funds, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are used
solely for the purpose specified in this act, and that
no obligations are incurred in excess of the sum
appropriated. The allottee of the funds appropriated
under Section 1 of this act shall be the President of
the Federated States of Micronesia; PROVIDED HOWEVER
that the allottee of funds appropriated in Section
1(3)(a), (b), (d), (e) and (f) of this act shall be the
Chuuk State Commission on Improvement Project (CSCIP).
The authority of the allottee to obligate funds
appropriated by this act shall not lapse."

Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the
President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
becoming law without such approval.