March 30, 2017

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Simina:

I hereby return the following congressional act, which was repassed and became Public Law No. 19-154:

Congressional Act No. 19-150: “AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 219 OF TITLE 55 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, TO ALLOW SUB-ALLOTTEES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT DESCRIBING THE AMOUNT AND NATURE OF AN EXPENDITURE, AS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT A LEGAL OBLIGATION IN THE CASE OF REPRESENTATION EXPENSES AND OFFICIAL EXPENSE ALLOWANCE EXPENSES, WITHOUT REQUIRING SUCH SUB-ALLOTTEES TO PROVIDE OTHER FORMAL APPROVAL SUCH AS A CERTIFICATION BY THE SPEAKER OF CONGRESS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Sincerely,

Peter M. Christian
President

Enclosure:

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
March 29, 2017

His Excellency Peter M. Christian  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear President Christian:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 19-150, "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 219 OF TITLE 55 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, TO ALLOW SUB-ALLOTTEES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT DESCRIBING THE AMOUNT AND NATURE OF AN EXPENDITURE, AS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT A LEGAL OBLIGATION IN THE CASE OF REPRESENTATION EXPENSES AND OFFICIAL EXPENSE ALLOWANCE EXPENSES, WITHOUT REQUIRING SUCH SUB-ALLOTTEES TO PROVIDE OTHER FORMAL APPROVAL SUCH AS A CERTIFICATION BY THE SPEAKER OF CONGRESS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was repassed on March 28, by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Eighth Special Session, 2017, by a three-fourths vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk, Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures
An Act

TO AMEND SECTION 219 OF TITLE 55 OF THE CODE OF THE Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, to allow Sub-Allottees who are members of Congress to submit an Affidavit describing the amount and nature of an expenditure, as sufficient evidence to support a legal obligation in the case of representation expenses and official expense allowance expenses, without requiring such Sub-Allottees to provide other formal approval such as a certification by the Speaker of Congress, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCED BY: SENATOR ISAAC V. FIGIR
DATE: JANUARY 27, 2017

REPASSSED: MARCH 28, 2017

Liwiana Ramon Ioannis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
ACT NO. 19-150

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 19-255)

I hereby certify that on March 28 the foregoing act was repassed by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Eighth Special Session, 2017, by a three-fourths vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 2(q), of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
AN ACT

To amend section 219 of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, to allow sub-allottees who are members of Congress to submit an affidavit describing the amount and nature of an expenditure, as sufficient evidence to support a legal obligation in the case of representation expenses and official expense allowance expenses, without requiring such sub-allottees to provide other formal approval such as a certification by the Speaker of Congress, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 219 of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 219. Documentary evidence required to support obligations.

No amount shall be recorded as an obligation of the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia unless it is supported by documentary evidence of:

(1) a binding agreement in writing, between the parties thereto, including Government agencies, in a manner and form and for a purpose authorized by United States or Federated States of Micronesia law, executed before the expiration of the period of availability for obligation of the appropriation or fund concerned for specific goods to be delivered, real property to be
purchased or leased, or work or services to be performed; or

(2) a valid loan agreement, showing the amount of the loan to be made and the terms or schedule of repayment thereof; or

(3) an order required by United States or Federated States of Micronesia law to be placed with an agency; or

(4) an order issued pursuant to United States or Federated States of Micronesia law authorizing purchases without advertising when necessitated by public exigency or for perishable subsistence supplies or within specific monetary limitations; or

(5) a grant or subsidy payable:

   (a) from appropriations made for payment of or contributions toward sums required to be paid in specific amounts fixed by United States or Federated States of Micronesia law, or in accordance with formulae prescribed by United States or Federated States of Micronesia law, or

   (b) pursuant to an agreement authorized by, or plans approved in accordance with and authorized by United States or Federated States of Micronesia law; or
(6) a liability which may result from pending litigation brought under authority of United States or Federated States of Micronesia law; or

(7) employment or services of persons or expenses of travel in accordance with United States or Federated States of Micronesia law, or services performed by public utilities; or

(8) any other legal liability of the Federated States of Micronesia against an appropriation or funds legally available therefor; or

(9) in the case of representation expenses and official expense allowance expenses, an affidavit of the allottee or sub-allottee describing the amount and nature of the expenditure, or a written contract or written receipt, submitted in a timely manner in accordance with the provisions of section 224A of this title, shall be deemed to be sufficient documentary evidence to support a legal obligation, and in the case where the sub-allottee is a member of Congress, no further certification from the Speaker shall be necessary.”
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.

____________________, 2017

Peter M. Christian
President
Federated States of Micronesia

PUBLIC LAW No. 19-154