January 31, 2019

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

Dear Speaker Simina:

I am transmitting the following Congressional Act, which I have signed to become Public Law No. 20-158:

Congressional Act No. 20-154, entitled: “AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 352 OF TITLE 54 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-73, TO ELIMINATE INTERIM PAYMENT OF CORPORATE TAX FOR MAJOR CORPORATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

As this Act is intended to address the administrative burden of requiring Major Corporations to pay interim tax. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Peter M. Christian
President

Enclosures:

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
January 31, 2019

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. 20-154, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 352 OF TITLE 54 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-73, TO ELIMINATE INTERIM PAYMENT OF CORPORATE TAX FOR MAJOR CORPORATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Twentieth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2019, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

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

Enclosures
An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 352 OF TITLE 54 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-73, TO ELIMINATE INTERIM PAYMENT OF CORPORATE TAX FOR MAJOR CORPORATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: FLORENCIO S. HARPER (BY REQUEST)

DATE: JANUARY 14, 2019

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
WITHDRAWN – JANUARY 17, 2019
FIRST READING: – JANUARY 17, 2019
SECOND READING: – JANUARY 18, 2019

Liwiana Ramon Ioams
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
ACT NO. 20-154
(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 20-269)

We hereby certify that on January 18 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Twentieth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2019, 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.

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

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend section 352 of title 54 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended by Public Law No. 17-73, to eliminate interim payment of corporate tax for Major Corporations, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 352 of title 54 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended by Public
3 Law No. 17-73, is hereby further amended to read as follows:
4 "Section 352. Payment of tax due. Taxes shall be paid
5 as follows:
6 A Major Corporation and Major FSM Branch shall complete
7 and submit to the Department of Finance and
8 Administration an annual statement declaring the taxable
9 income with permitted deductions and exemptions,
10 hereinafter referred to as "Tax Return", by the last
11 business day of the sixth month period following the
12 last day of the fiscal year of the Major Corporation or
13 Major FSM Branch, respectively. The annual statement
14 shall be accompanied by one of the following:
15 (a) Any additional tax payment, after the
16 subtraction, due as shown on the Tax Return of the Major
17 Corporation or Major FSM Branch, as the case may be,
18 shall be paid by the last business day of the sixth
19 month period following the last day of the fiscal year
20 of the Major Corporation or Major FSM Branch,
respectively.

(b) If the Major Corporation or Major FSM Branch pays, an amount less than the tax due as shown on the annual tax return by the last business day of the six month period following the last day of the fiscal year of the Major Corporation or Major FSM Branch, respectively, it shall pay interest on the delinquent tax balance of one half of one percent (0.5%) for each full month until the full amount is paid.

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.

1/31, 2019

Peter M. Christian
President
Federated States of Micronesia

PUBLIC LAW No. 20-158