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Håfa Adai,

As your Governor, I am writing to you because a decision made by the Legislature risks Guam having to give back \$104 million to the federal government. This directly affects every household and business on our island, and you deserve to know the consequences before it is too late.

This is critical. If we lose this \$104 million in American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding, GPA and GWA will have no choice but to borrow from the bond market, and that means your power and water rates will increase. This outcome is entirely preventable, but only if action is taken now.

Our Administration is ready to move forward with long-overdue power, water, and wastewater infrastructure upgrades in Mangilao that will support the new hospital and strengthen utilities for the entire system. These projects are funded with \$104 million in ARPA dollars that must be expended by December 31, 2026, or be returned to the federal government.

What stands in the way is not lack of planning, funding, or work-readiness. It is the refusal of Attorney General Doug Moylan to even review the contracts required to start these projects. This inaction has stalled not just the hospital, but also power, water, and wastewater infrastructure upgrades that all ratepayers benefit from.

To break this deadlock, I sent a bill to the Legislature allowing the Procurement Counsel at the General Services Agency, an independent and qualified authority within DOA, to review and approve the contracts so the work could finally begin.

The Legislature voted the bill down.

Only Senators Will Parkinson and Tina Muña Barnes voted in support.

The following senators voted **NO**:

Tony Ada, Frank Blas Jr., Chris Duenas, Shawn Gumataotao, Jesse Lujan, Sabrina Salas Matanane, Therese Terlaje, Vince Borja, Chris Barnett, and Sabina Perez.

The following senators were excused absent:

Shelly Calvo, Joe San Agustin, and Telo Taitague.

Because of this vote, and because of Attorney General Doug Moylan's refusal to perform the required contract review, Guam now stands at risk of losing \$104 million in federal funds, which would eventually force increased utility rates on every single ratepayer to pay for the same essential infrastructure.

You know where I stand:

- No ratepayer should face higher utility costs because one office refuses to act.
- No community should lose millions in federal funding because of political disagreements.
- And no government should delay critical infrastructure when the money is already secured and ready.

This is why your voice is essential right now.

I urge you to contact your senators and Attorney General Doug Moylan and tell them:

- Federal funding is available today, but not forever.
- Their actions can either protect ratepayers from increases or push higher costs onto every family.
- Guam cannot afford to lose this window, and we should not be forced into borrowing when ARPA dollars are already on the table.

Your advocacy can prevent higher power and water rates, protect federal funding, and ensure that both our new hospital and our island's utility system receive the improvements they urgently need.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for your engagement and your commitment to our island's future.

Senseramente,



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