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Lieutenant General Heath A. Collins, USAF  
Director, Missile Defense Agency  
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Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5573

**Re: Request for 60-day public comment period extension and open town hall on the MDA's Proposed Final EA/ OEA and FONSI**

*Håfa Adai* Lt. General Collins,

On May 16, 2024, the "Guam Flight Test Proposed Final Environmental Assessment/ Overseas Environmental Assessment" (Proposed Final EA/ OEA) was approved for public release by the Missile Defense Agency (MDA). This 378-page document details plans to **deploy and test missile defense systems, including up to two flight tests or tracking exercises per year from Guam's Anderson Air Force Base (AAFB) or at sea from a U.S. Navy ship underway in the Broad Ocean Area (BOA) of the western Pacific Ocean for a period of 10 years, beginning in the first quarter of the Fiscal Year 2025.**

The document further states that although the flight tests **may result in temporary public and private land access restriction in the AAFB's vicinity**, there is a "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI). The 30-day public comment period for this began on June 3, 2024 and is set to end on July 2, 2024.

If the MDA truly seeks sufficient public engagement from Guam's community, then the current 30-day public comment period will prove ineffective, especially considering the length and content of the document up for review. Therefore, I request a 60-day extension of the Proposed Final EA/ OEA and FONSI's public comment period, and an open town hall meeting before the deadline ends. These two actions will give Guam's community the opportunity to understand the Proposed Final EA/ OEA and FONSI, and ask questions/ voice concerns about its proposed activities and potential impacts.

I hope you will support extending the public comment period and hosting an open town hall meeting. These two actions will be for the benefit of all involved parties. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to my office at (671) 472-3586 or [senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com](mailto:senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com).

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