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RE: Response to Letters Dated September 1, 2021

Dear Senators:

I am in receipt of your letters concerning the All RISE program. The entire Department of Revenue and Taxation *familia* and other Government of Guam employees sacrificed so much to implement a program that provides direct cash relief to our residents. I am pleased that all technical issues were resolved. As in any instance, we always strive to improve.

As of today, over 3,300 applications were received in-person and 13,888 applications were received online - a monumental step toward the use of technology, and more importantly, mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in this heightened environment.

My decision to implement the All RISE Program by Executive Order, which included key provisions passed by the Guam Legislature, was executed in conformance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. And while I have stood firm in the use of \$30M from the American Rescue Plan, my discretion on this amount takes into account the competing priorities of our entire community over the extended period for which these funds have been given.

Throughout this pandemic, my administration has successfully directed and implemented numerous programs that have provided direct relief to our people, especially to those who need it most. The implementation of All RISE was no different.

Thank you to the frontliners and employees who made this program possible. It is heartening to know that our community sees the good we are doing. We are united in our commitment to doing more good for our people.

Senseremente,

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