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The Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero  
*Maga'hågan Guåhan*  
Executive Chambers  
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex  
Sent via: [governor@guam.gov](mailto:governor@guam.gov)

**Subject: Chaotic Roll Out of ALL RISE Program**

*Håfa adai* Governor Leon Guerrero,

On behalf of the citizens of our island, I seek your assistance in directing any and all resources that may be necessary to improve the roll out the ALL RISE Program. As your office may be aware, hundreds if not thousands of our families including our *manåmko* and individuals with disabilities have been waiting in line for hours in order to submit their application for the ALL RISE Program. Governor, I urge you to take immediate action so that our people especially our most vulnerable citizens with medical issues are not forced to wait in long lines and be at further risk of COVID-19.

To ensure that all who are qualified for benefits made available through the ALL RISE Program are able to apply and receive payments, I also urge you to remove the \$30 million funding cap and designate additional American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds as needed, allow residents to apply for benefits through December 31, 2022, and authorize village mayoral offices to accept completed applications in coordination with the Department of Revenue and Taxation (DRT).

Governor, while I appreciate your decision to finally make ARP funds available to our families who are struggling to get through the public health emergency, I can't ignore the fact that the roll out of the ALL RISE Program is creating additional hardship for these same families. Moreover, the policies that we develop as elected leaders should support – not overburden – the hardworking employees of DRT who continue to do their best to implement this and other economic assistance programs for our families.

I look forward to your cooperation and assistance on this important issue.

Kindest regards,



**TELO T. TAITAGUE**  
Senator

*Attachments: Photos of Chaotic ALL RISE Program Roll Out*