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Dear Mrs. Seau:

Thank you for your recent letter highlighting the issues of sexual harassment and sexual assault. As a woman, a mother, and a grandmother I take any allegation of sexual harassment or impropriety by a member of my cabinet seriously. This is why every member of my cabinet was required to take ethics training and a seminar against sexual harassment prior to taking office.

As a leader, I must also be certain that any allegation against a cabinet member is thoroughly investigated. As leaders we must not only act—we must act the right way. Presuming facts not in evidence and judging investigations before they are complete have cost our taxpayers millions of dollars in lawsuits and legal fees—and no one is served by that. I can assure you that the female officer in question is protected, and that once all the facts are available, I will take appropriate action.

I know that you are a Republican candidate for senator and that this letter comes just a few weeks before the primary election. For that reason, some may regard it as political self-promotion. I urge you to be cautious about accusations based on rumor and speculation. In cases such as this, we need to rely on facts and the law. Any other course of action does not serve or protect women or anyone else in our community.

Senseramente,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero".

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam