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Transmitted via email to senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com

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The Honorable Therese M. Terlaje
Chairperson, Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture
36th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 W. Chalan Santo Papa
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RE: Follow Up on Public Hearing for Bill 345-36, Land Bank Reform Act of 2022

Håfa Adai Madame Speaker:

The Land Bank Reform Act of 2022 has languished in your committee for exactly five weeks now. I had requested in my transmittal of the bill on October 18, 2022 and again on October 24, 2022 that you promptly schedule a public hearing. Landowners and the public deserve a response to hold you accountable. Over a year's worth of work and meetings with landowners by my Administration culminated in the drafting of this bill. The least you can do is push it over the finish line.

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Land, you alone have sole discretion to hear bills in your committee, and your refusal to hear from the people of Guam on the Land Bank Reform Act of 2022 is a dereliction of your duty. Your lack of action as of today does not reflect the commitment you made at the oversight hearing on the proposed medical health care campus on October 18, 2022 in which you stated, "I will work with the Governor to find remedies for the Land Bank." With time still remaining in this term, I hope you keep your word.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Senseramente,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero".

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hāgan Guāhan
Governor of Guam