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Dear Senator Terlaje,

With the impending passage of the Supplemental Disaster Relief Act which includes language raising the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) program subsidy for Guam from 55% to 100% to the end of the fiscal year, I write to implore you on behalf of our foster children and families.

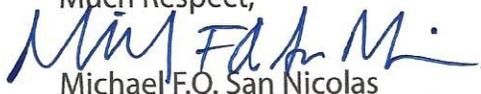
Recent news indicated these children and families are to have lost their Govguam Health insurance on June 1 due to "lack of funding." Now that we are poised to fully fund Medicaid through the end of FY 2019 we have an opportunity to reprogram the 5.6mm in your Bill 78-35 for other purposes.

The foster children health insurance will need only a fraction of the 5.6mm you have identified as available in your Bill 78-35. I humbly ask you consider reprogramming a small portion of these funds for the foster children, so that they may continue to receive the best coverage on island provided by our government.

Many foster families will attest to the value of this health insurance program. Senator Shelton has further introduced legislation to address this as well. We have an opportunity to leverage a federal win with Medicaid funding into a local win for our foster children.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this humble request. I do so on behalf of the over 260 foster children under our shared care.

Much Respect,



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Cc: Senator Amanda Shelton