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MOYLAN SUBMITS VARIOUS AMENDMENTS IN THE SECURITY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

(Washington, D.C.) To enhance the safety of our community, prevent issues with goods entering the island, provide the resources for the Guam Army National Guard, and to support the INDOPACOM's objectives in defending the nation, Delegate James Moylan submitted several amendments to H.R. 8036, The Indo-Pacific Security Supplemental Appropriation Act of 2024.

On Wednesday, Speaker Mike Johnson announced the introduction of four supplemental appropriation measures aimed at providing additional funding for priorities in the Indo-Pacific, Ukraine, Israel, and the Border and provided member offices the opportunity to submit amendments. Delegate Moylan's amendments include:

- Two amendments totaling nearly \$1.04 billion for the Guam Missile Defense System.
- \$600 million to repair the Guam Glass Break Water.
- \$100 million for the Typhoon Mawar Reconstruction for Defense.
- Over \$15 million for the Guam National Guard to address several priorities.

The funding of the Guam Missile Defense (GMD) is not only INDOPACOM's number one unfunded priority, but a necessity to shelter the community from foreign adversaries. The GMD is purely utilized as a defense mechanism, and the funding would help complete the 360 degrees of coverage, which protects island residents from inbound threats.

The Guam Glass Breakwater, which is owned by the Navy, protects the port of Guam, and is one storm away from being destroyed. This would not only halt commercial shipping to the island but hinder the objectives of submarines based on Guam. The condition of the Break Water is frail, and this issue has moved up the list of priorities of the INDOPACOM Command.

Typhoon Mawar caused over \$2 billion in estimated damages to military installations in Guam, hence, the Moylan amendment would provide increased planning and design funding, which would assist in securing additional funding in the 2025 National Defense Authorization Act.

The funding for the Guam National Guard would assist in addressing an array of their priorities, including \$11 million for a new Joint Emergency Operations Center and \$3.5 million for hardening an existing facility, which would allow them to keep their critical lifesaving and warfighting capabilities. It also includes \$400K for the Guam National Guards State Partnership Program with Palau, and \$250K for Guam Air National Guard Recruiting.

"Addressing the safety of our community and island is my top priority, and I will continue to advocate for the needed funding to ensure this objective is met. Likewise, the repairs of the break water are critical, and failure to act now will certainly impact the ability for commercial vessels

to enter the island in the future. This would affect both food security and economic activity, while placing a detriment with the defense of Guam and the nation," stated Delegate Moylan. "Our sons and daughters in the Army National Guard need our support to ensure that they too are mission ready, and we will continue to advocate for their unfunded priorities," added Delegate Moylan.

Delegate Moylan discussed his amendments in front of the House Rules Committee earlier Thursday afternoon. The Committee will vote late tonight to determine which of the hundreds of submitted amendments shall be advanced for a vote on the floor on Saturday afternoon.

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