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HONORABLE LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

GOVERNOR OF GUAM

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RE: WORKING TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS

Dear Governor Leon Guerrero;

Thank you for the extensive letter that you released on Monday. However, I do find it appalling that you took the time to spin the issue of a simple question that I asked and instead made it about classes of income. I do want to state that I was raised in a simple, working-class household, where as a teenager I had to work after school to help my parents pay the bills. Likewise, I did not grow up with a silver spoon in my mouth which is probably why I can relate to the many struggles working class families are facing today. They are who I am fighting for, and they are who I was seeking answers for.

Governor, I am proud to be raised in humble beginnings, and my inquiry was never about whether I would qualify for relief funds. Instead of mocking me or my letters, I would have preferred that you used your authority as a leader to find solutions to assist these working-class families who have not benefited from local relief efforts. I know what it feels like to live paycheck to paycheck. If you believe that your hands are tied with how federal funds can be utilized, then why not think outside the box instead of outright denying help for thousands of island residents.

Here is an idea you can consider: why not utilize some of those surpluses your administration states exist in the General Fund to create a Rise Act program for those outside of certain income thresholds, and for those below it, you can use federal funds. This would address your concerns with your interpretation of the final rules of the Treasury. The utility credit program can be funded through the federal funds, thus freeing the \$25 million from the General Fund to provide \$1,000 to 25,000 individuals between a certain income threshold. Send the legislation to the Guam Legislature and I will gladly advocate for its passage.

Now back to my original question, will you enforce Public Law 36-53 or not? People are tired of excuses and petty politics, and instead demand tangible results, especially in these dire economic times. We can assist so many individuals while infusing our economy, thus I urge you to work with me, as I am merely advocating for those families who must make tough financial decisions every single day. Please join me in this process. Thank you.

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimoylan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jim" being more prominent.

James "Jim" Moylan
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