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Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
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Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex
Adelup, Guam 96910

Re: Follow-up on Consideration of Additional Stimulus Funding to Help Struggling Families

Dear Governor Leon Guerrero,

Hafa Adai! On June 3rd of this year, I sent you a letter requesting consideration of releasing funds from the American Rescue Plan or from the purported excess Fiscal Year 2022 revenues to help struggling families. And while I was assured by the Lieutenant Governor in a brief conversation that I had with him on June 4th that "there was something in the works," I nor the thousands of families who need the money now have not heard anything.

It isn't necessary to reiterate the reasons why our families need the help. There are daily stories of the rising cost of goods, of crimes committed out of desperation, and families leaving Guam because they have found it difficult to live here. The financial assistance that you can provide will be a welcome respite for many of our people who could definitely use the hand up.

In the days after sending you my initial request, I have been approached multiple times every day by individuals who read about the letter asking if you will release the funding. People have shared with me their struggles with buying food while needing to pay for rising utility bills or moving out of their apartment and back into their parents' home because they no longer make enough money to live on their own. I even had a conversation with an individual who admitted that the only way he manages to feed his family was by bringing home leftovers (balutan) from family gatherings or by getting food donated from his acquaintances.

Governor, again there are families that are one step away from financial catastrophe and are finding it increasingly difficult to survive. Many aren't earning the income they had prior to the pandemic, they have depleted their life savings, and have to juggle what money they have to buy food, gas, and pay their monthly obligations. You can immediately help these families with the financial resources you have at your disposal.

I continue to await your response and stand ready to assist you and your administration in helping our struggling families.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Blas', with a stylized flourish at the end.

FRANK F. BLAS, JR.
Senator

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