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**GOP SENATORS INTRODUCE COVID-19
ECONOMIC STABILIZATION MEASURES**

Proposal benefits Guam families, assists local businesses and strengthens first responders, law enforcement and emergency communications.

(Hagatna, Guam) Today, the Republican Senatorial Minority Caucus with the support of the Guam Chamber of Commerce and Republican Party of Guam introduced Bill No. 319-35 (COR) which provides assistance to Guam families, local businesses as well as to first responders, law enforcement personnel and strengthen emergency communications.

“We’ve proposed several economic stabilization measures that benefit as many of those who are affected by the pandemic and not any one group of people. These proposals help businesses and individual consumers by reducing taxes and help to maintain if not reduce the costs of goods and services,” says Minority Leader Telo Taitague.

“Hundreds if not thousands of families are suffering financially. We want to help by prioritizing the paying out of tax refunds as quickly as possible and giving 100% exemption for prescription drugs and equipment for our most vulnerable helps their money go farther in this time of crisis,” says Senator Louise Borja Muna.

“Protecting our first responders, medical professionals and our residents with technology, equipment and timely information is mission critical to preserving life and health on Guam. The proposals we offer provide allotments and enables telehealth for medical practitioners on Guam,” says Senator Wil Castro, Republican Delegate hopeful for U.S. Congress.

In a letter to Senators Taitague, Muna, and Castro, Ms. Christine Baletto, Chairwoman of the Guam Chamber of Commerce Board, thanked the senators for their efforts to help employers stay afloat. *“This is indeed a period of uncertainty, and we appreciate and welcome legislation that will help employees and businesses get through this crisis. We are counting on our elected leaders to put aside party politics and work collectively in a bi-partisan effort to provide relief to our people and their families. Our community needs help, and they need it now,”* stated Ms. Baletto.

“The Republican Party of Guam acknowledges that these solutions may result in tough negotiations and supports the proposed legislation proffered by the caucus. In the end, a final comprehensive bipartisan package is what will ultimately benefit the island,” said Republican Party of Guam Chairman Tony Ada.

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Attachments: *GOP COVID-19 Relief Bill No. 319-35 (COR)*
Guam Chamber of Commerce Letter of Support

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