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Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
Governor
Office of the Governor of Guam
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Dear Governor Guerrero:

I write to inform you that the petition to designate the Guam as a HIDTA was not approved. This decision was made in accordance with the ONDCP *Reauthorization Act of 2018* (21 U.S.C § 1706(b)(1)), which authorizes the Director of ONDCP to designate qualifying areas of the United States as HIDTAs.

As you are aware, the Act requires the Director to establish regulations under which a coalition of interested law enforcement agencies from an area may petition for designation as a HIDTA. Such regulations, which were promulgated in 2007, provide for a regular review of the petitions, including a recommendation regarding the merit of the petitions to the Director by a panel of independent experts. This independent panel determined that the petition for Guam did not demonstrate that (1) the county is a significant center of illegal drug production, manufacturing, importation, or distribution, (2) state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies have committed resources to respond to the drug trafficking problem in the area, thereby indicating a determination to respond aggressively to the problem, (3) drug-related activities in the area are having a significant harmful impact in the area and in other areas of the country, and (4) a significant increase in allocation of Federal resources was necessary to respond adequately to drug-related activities in the area. Therefore, the independent panel did not recommend these counties for designation.

If you have additional questions on this process, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 395-5872. Thank you for your continued support of our national drug control efforts.

Sincerely,

Shannon Kelly
Director, National HIDTA Program

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