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Tuesday June 4th, 2019

Mr. Jerry Crisostomo, Chair of GUAM Republican Party

Dear Chairman Crisostomo,

With HR 1365 advancing in the Natural Resources Committee (NRC) of the U.S. House of Representatives, it is imperative that mirror legislation also moves through the U.S. Senate in order to expedite the bi-partisan outcome of getting our WWII War Claims survivors paid.

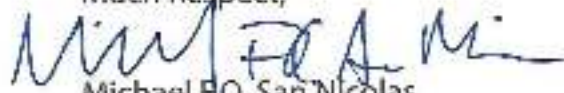
Attached please find a copy of H.R. 1365. With Democrats in control of the House, I am confident I can continue advancing the legislation on this end; however, with Republicans in control of the U.S. Senate, Guam will be needing the help of our local Republican Party to ensure this passes on the Senate side.

I humbly ask for your support in securing a Republican U.S. Senator to introduce a Senate version of H.R. 1365 post haste, so that we may clearly indicate in both Houses of Congress that there is bi-partisan support to see this through.

On April 9th of this year, I wrote to Guam Republican National Committeeman, Juan Carlos Benitez (attached) seeking his help to secure support from visiting Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ms. Ronna McDaniel on this issue. He replied in the affirmative in his letter dated April 15, 2019 (attached), so I am hopeful that this issue should advance in the Republican Party with your help.

I eagerly await your response and stand ready to assist you on this in any fashion.

Much Respect,



Michael F.Q. San Nicolas
Member of Congress
Guam

cc: Joseph Duenas, Executive Director
Kate G. Baltazar, First Vice Chair
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116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1365

To make technical corrections to the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2019

Mr. SAN NICOLAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To make technical corrections to the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO GUAM WORLD**
4 **WAR II LOYALTY RECOGNITION ACT.**

5 Title XVII of division A of Public Law 114-328 is
6 amended—

7 (1) in section 1703(c)—

8 (A) by striking “equal to” and inserting
9 “not to exceed”; and

- 1 (13) by striking "covered into the Treasury
2 as miscellaneous receipts" and inserting "used
3 to reimburse the applicable appropriations";
4 (2) in section 1704(a) by striking ", subject to
5 the availability of appropriations," and inserting
6 "from the Claims Fund"; and
7 (3) by striking section 1707(a).

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-9900

April 9, 2019

Juan Carlos Benitez
National Committeeman
Republican Party of Guam

Dear Committeeman Benitez,

I observed with great interest your recent remarks expressing your view that our challenges resolving the Guam War Claims payouts could be solved sooner. Your enthusiasm for my abilities is humbling.

As you are aware, our Congress is bicameral- currently with Democrats in leadership in the House and Republicans in leadership in the Senate. Any legislative solution requires both Chambers to address any matter and further requires that both Chambers agree to send the measure for presidential action. A bipartisan support is more critical in these circumstances.

Should Senate Republicans introduce legislation to mirror either of the House bills I have introduced, which would enable the U.S. Department of the Treasury to payout adjudicated and approved Guam War Claims, it would expedite the legislative process and signal House Republicans that the National Republican Party supports moving this very important matter forward.

As such, I am requesting your assistance to lobby Senate Republicans to introduce legislation in their respective Chambers to mirror either H.R. 1141 or H.R. 1365 that I have introduced. These two measures are being considered within its appropriate Committee of jurisdictions in the House.

Additionally, the upcoming visit of Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel to Guam further affords a unique opportunity for your advocacy of the Party's support our people sincerely need. During my career in the Guam Legislature, it had been a privilege to work avidly with bi-partisan leaders to include Senator Mary Torres and Senator Jim Espaldon. It is my hope that you can positively facilitate this trend with me as we work together in strongly advocating for Guam's initiatives in the United States Congress.

I look forward to hearing from you soonest on this request, and again I thank you for your enthusiasm in my abilities. In full confidence, working together will only yield greater outcomes for the People of Guam.

Respectfully,



Michael F.Q. San Nicolas
Member of Congress

April 15, 2019

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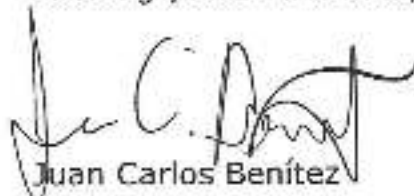
Dear Delegate San Nicholas,

Hafa Adai! I hope that you and your staff have enjoyed the bloom of Yoshino Cherry Blossoms in Washington this year. Here on Guam, the weather is warming up quickly and the dry season seems to be upon us. It is hard to believe the first quarter of 2019 has passed.

With regards to the Guam War Claims, you are correct, we will need all the help we can get to have this matter resolved expeditiously and I certainly would like to continue to assist with that effort. The Republican National Committee Chairwoman, Ms. Ronna McDaniel is arriving on Guam today. It is a unique opportunity for advocacy and education about Guam and the Marianas. Please know that I will raise this issue to her attention and explore the avenues towards success.

Your record of bi-partisan cooperation is well established from your days in the Guam Legislature. Thank you for writing to me. I appreciate your kind letter and agree with the sentiments expressed therein. Whenever our opinions on policy align it is exciting and encouraging to know that you continue to be focused on outcomes and are willing to work together.

Wishing you all the best,



Juan Carlos Benítez