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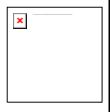
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36GL-21-1112 Fitness and Wellness Exemption Request* Clare Calvo, Synergy Studios

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Hafa Adai Speaker Terlaje,

In our industry of fitness, health, and wellness, we as proponents and advocates for preventative care through, but not limited to, methods of exercise, nutrition, and overall holistic modalities, respectfully request an exemption from vaccine mandates. Long standing data has continued to provide the conclusion that simple steps in lifestyle and diet can greatly impact our overall health and wellness. Guam's high rate of lifestyle diseases continue to rise and contribute to our current alarming death rate of "covid deaths".

According to the CDC, the epidemic of obesity is greatly impacting the severity of the Covid 19 pandemic, with stressrelated conditions weighing in as the second biggest factor. The health, fitness, and wellness gym businesses of Guam provide our island a place of health care. From mental emotional health to physical health, exercise has long been touted as "medicine". The current state of our island, and our world, need now more than ever, the encouragement and the availability of our services.

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As fitness and wellness business owners, we have followed all the health and safety protocols. We kept our business at 50% capacity, even when we were free to open up to full capacity. Over the past seventeen years, we have journeyed with clients who were able to lower their numbers from blood pressure to sugar levels, reduce the amount of prescribed medications, exercise monthly to daily; basically take accountability for their overall health.

Our business is a place of fitness, health, and wellness. We hope to align and collaborate with our esteemed medical care professionals in their efforts to bring our island back to optimum health (fitness and wellness).

As delivered to your office last week, Sept 30, 2021, along with the Governor and Lieutenant Governor's office, I have attached the collective signatures of businesses and independent contractors in this industry that also identify as a source of fitness, health, and wellness. Together, we are respectfully requesting an exemption from the current vaccine mandate placed on our industry's owners, staff, instructors, and members/ clients. Our goal and hope is to align, unify, and collaborate with our esteemed medical care professionals in their efforts to bring our island to optimum health, fitness and wellness. Please consider our efforts and sincere intent. Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase!

Respectfully,

Clare Calvo

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