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November 27, 2013

MEMORANDUM

To: Rennaé Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

From: Senator Thomas C. Ada 
Acting Chairperson for the Committee on Rules

Subject: Supplement to Committee Report on
Bill No. 223-32(COR)

Hafa Adai!

Transmitted herewith is a memo from Senator Vicente "ben" Pangelinan, Chairperson, Committee on Appropriations, Public Debt, Legal Affairs, Retirement, Public Parks, Recreation, Historic Preservation, and Land, forwarding Attachments for Bill No. 223-32 (COR).

Please include this memo and the attachment as a "Supplemental" to the Committee Report on Bill No. 223-32 (COR).

Please make the appropriate indication in your records; and forward to MIS for posting on our website. I also request that the same be forwarded to all Senators of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guahan*.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase'!

cc: Legal Counsel
Clerk of the Legislature
Sergeant-at-Arms
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Senator Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan (D)

November 26, 2013

Memorandum

To: Senator Thomas C. Ada
Acting Chairman, Committee on Rules

From: Senator Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan

Re: Testimony for Bill No. 223-32 (COR)

Chairman
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Public Debt, Legal Affairs,
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and Land

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Human Services, Health
Insurance Reform, Economic
Development and Senior
Citizens

Member
Committee on Aviation, Ground
Transportation, Regulatory
Concerns and Future
Generations

Please accept the attached testimony from Ms. Hope A. Cristobal on Bill No. 223-32 (COR). Our office received her testimony after the committee report was filed with the Committee on Rules.

I hereby request that Ms. Cristobal's testimony be appended to the Committee Report for Bill No. 223-32.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

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November 22, 2013

Hafa adai, Speaker Ben Pangelinan, Senator Respicio, and Sponsors of Bill 223-32:

Greetings and a huge *Si Yu'os ma'ase'* for this Bill that has become a part of the continuing legacy of this branch of our local government.

My name is Hope A. Cristobal. I am a commercial backyard farmer in Tamuning for the past 5 years. I farm herbs like sweet basil, flat leaf parsley, dill, all-spice, spearmint, chives and other such delicate plants used by many restaurants on Guam.

Si Yu'os ma'ase' for this opportunity to comment on Bill 223-32. I support your Bill 223-32 and urge you to campaign for your fellow colleague's approval and vote of this Bill into law.

It has always been the Legislature, the 2nd branch of Government, the representatives of the people of Guam, to whom farmers have gone to for assistance. As a child in the past, I recall how my mother would seek the assistance of the Department of Agriculture to recuperate farm loss from inclement weather at the family farm in Famha'. Historically, it has been the Department that reached out to the farmers to assist. However, it is obvious that there has been some shift to the Legislature as can be verified in past legislation such as, P.L. 20-84 in 1989 and subsequent measures taken by the Legislature as a way to respond to the break in planting cycles that farmers are up against in Guahan being in the so-called "typhoon corridor". As you know and understand well, your response is not just a response to the challenges and needs of tropical farmers but directly assists our Guam produce markets get back to normal with the timely availability of fresh produce for the consumers and their families.

It is also really the Legislature's recognition of the central role that farming takes in our history as the *taototano'* in the Marianas; as well, it is the recognition of the potential for a more sustainable future for our people and our island. Bill 223-32 is the Legislature's direct responsive action when adverse weather conditions bring a halt to the farmer's ability to keep the chain of fresh produce going to market every day. This Bill is the Legislature's continuing legacy of how the 2nd branch of government can and does step in to assure that the farm planting cycle and momentum is not lost due to storms and other adverse conditions. It is your contribution to the farmers, to farming, to the consumers and Guahan families, and to the locally grown produce market and I thank you once again for your heartfelt assistance and care. *Havi mas sina ta angoko yan ti hamyo ni' rumepresentsa ham guenao gi pueston-miyo.*

Si Yu'os ma'ase', *Si Yu'os ga'chong-miyo guini na hinassa.*

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