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RE:	Committee Report – The Executive Appointment of Dr. Nathaniel Berg as Member of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners.
Dear !	Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith, for your consideration, is the Confirmation Report on the **Executive Appointment of Dr. Nathaniel Berg as a Member of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners** as was referred to the Committee on Health, Economic Development, Homeland Security and Senior Citizens. Confirmation hearing was conducted on September 21, 2015.

Committee votes are as follows:

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Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

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# COMMITTEE REPORT ON

# The Executive Appointment of Dr. Nathaniel Berg as a Member of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners



October 12, 2015

**MEMORANDUM** 

To: ALL MEMBERS

Committee on Health, Economic Development, Homeland Security and Senior

Citizens.

From: Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. 4

Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on The Executive Appointment of Dr. Nathaniel Berg as a

Member of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners.

Transmitted herewith, for your consideration, is the Committee Report on The Executive Appointment of Dr. Nathaniel Berg as a Member of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners.

This report includes the following:

- Committee Voting Sheet
- Committee Report Narrative/Digest
- Copy of Appointment packet
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony and Supporting Documents
- Copy of COR Referral
- Notices of Public Hearing (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Related News Articles (Public hearing publication of public notice)

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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# COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

# The Executive Appointment of Dr. Nathaniel Berg as a Member of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners

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#### COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

#### I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Health, Economic Development, Homeland Security and Senior Citizens convened a public hearing on **September 21**, **2015 at 9am** in *I Liheslatura*'s Public Hearing Room.

Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of **Dr. Nathaniel Berg** as a **Member of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners** and whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by Governor Edward J.B. Calvo on September 10, 2015.
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslatura* on September 11, 2015;
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on September 11, 2015.

#### **Public Notice Requirements**

Notices were disseminated via electronic-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on **September 17**, **2015** (5-Day Notice), and again on **September 14**, **2015** (48-Hour Notice).

#### Senators Present

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Chairperson
Senator Nerissa Underwood Member
Senator Brant T. McCreadie Member
Senator Mary Camacho Torres

#### II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 2:06pm.

(Summary of Testimony & Discussion contain transcript of joint hearing for Mr. Philip Flores and Dr. Nathaniel Berg, both nominees to the Guam Board of Medical Examiners.)

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.: Hafa Adai. Good afternoon. The committee on Health, Economic Development, Homeland Security and Senior Citizens now reconvenes this public hearing. We're convening from this morning 9am hearing. First of all, the agenda for this afternoon is the confirmation hearing on the Executive appointment of Dr. Nathaniel Berg, to serve a member of the Guam Board of



Medical Examiners and also a confirmation hearing the Executive appointment of Mr. Philip J. Flores, as a public member of the Guam Board of medical Examiners and finally an Informational hearing on the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority. I'd like to recognize, Senator Nerissa Underwood and Senator Torres, thank you very much for joining me. I also would like to recognize, former Vice-Speaker Ted Nelson for being here and our former Senator, Uncle Alfred Israel as well for being here, thank you very much. So we'll start off of the appointments of Mr. Berg and Mr. Flores. We can get the sign-in sheets, if you do wish to provide any testimony; I ask that you please sign-up here at the table to the left. What we'll do to make things go a little faster, we'll go ahead and take testimonies if you have one for both of them, the committee will entertain both of them at the same time. Okay so if I may call up Mr. Joseph Artero Cameron, Uncle Joseph. Senator Sam Morbini, Mr. Israel. Thank you very much. Whoever can start first.

Mr. Joseph Artero Cameron: (Testimony read in Chamorro). My name is Joseph Artero Cameron, I'm the president of Chamorro Affairs, I come to you with great satisfaction actually to the effect that Mr. Flores and Dr. Berg have been appointed to serve on the Guam Medical Board Examiners. I have sat years ago in the 80s on the Guam Licensure Board, it was an awesome responsibility because I didn't only have to head up the credential committee for medical doctors but also for dentistry, for acupuncture and alike and it was a lot of work but it is important that we emphasis to folks that are appointed that they do make their quorums and that it's nice to be appointed but please I endorse the fact that we must meet monthly. (Read Written Testimony).

**Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.:** Thank you very much. Senator Morbini, thank you. (Recognized Former Senator Alfred Ysrael).

Mr. Alfred Ysrael: Thank you Mr. Chairman, Senator Nerissa, Senator Mary, I prepared a written testimony of which I'll give you a copy. I can say that in spite of the voluminous letters that you'll be getting, I perhaps I'm the best example of why Dr. Berg is a good man. I'll not talk about Phil Flores, everyone knows Phil, in fact I don't know why he hasn't run for Senator or for Governor of Guam but for one of these days maybe but I'm here to talk besides Phil Flores on behalf of Dr. Berg. I was diagnosed with a very fast spreading infection that attacked the bone and created gangrene in my bones, in nine (9) days time, unusually fast and I place my hands, my life, in Dr. Berg's hands. He was a mastermind that over sought my care, contacted all the various disciplines, the various doctors involved, and he sought to it that my best example is after surgery on Friday, I can walk. So that to me is a best example, is why these two (2) gentlemen should be nominated and approved for the board. For my written testimony for the Confirmation of Dr. Nataniel Berg and Phil Flores. (Read Written Testimony). Kindly confirm him, he'll be an asset to the community, he'll be an asset to Gov. Guam and I know that he'll give as much dedication to his new duties to add to his profession. He's the first to establish, and I know for a fact because I helped with his air-conditioning problems to set up his machinery, so I've been personally involved on how he's expanded the imaging industry. He was always the forefront he was always the leader, he was always trying out new machinery. Thank you Mr. Chairman, Senators,



Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.: Thank you very much for your testimony. (Recognized former Senator Mabini).

Senator Sam Mabini: Good afternoon Mr. Chairman and the fine Senators, our honorable Senators. My name is Sam Mabini and I'm actually speaking today as a citizen, as Sam Mabini and I don't have a written testimony but it'll be an oral testimony. I was very excited to hear that Dr. Nathaniel Berg and just found out that Mr. Phil Flores had been nominated to serve as a board member for our Board of Medical Examiners and I was very fast to decide to come here and testify, I've met Dr. Nathaniel Berg, let me tell you a quick story. As a woman, we're expected to go regularly, yearly to take our annual exams, one of which is a mammogram and many of us take it for granted, you go in, you go out, and we know of many stories where many walk out with results which can be disturbing but I never thought that would happen to me anyways. Well, I remember going to Guam Radiology many years ago and I was a regular examination, I had a women actually, she was a great nurse who was doing the examination and then she left the room and sitting there by myself I was getting nervous. She comes back and she does it again, but this time she brought in this tall doctor, which was the first time I've met him and she introduced me to him and it was Dr. Nathaniel Berg, I had no idea who he was, he was very diligent because he wanted to make sure that, that mammogram was being done on me was done correctly or efficiently or for an accurate reading and for the result of his diligence. I ended up having to go through surgery and it was because of this kind of dedication and just real focused and concerned about the customer myself and that I feel that and by the way, I'm sure we've met many doctors throughout our lives but I will have to confess that Dr. Nathaniel Berg has one of the best bedside manners, not to mention a real sense of real empathy and concerned for his clients. I know that he had brought in the first digital mammography I believe a machine, one of the most expensive technology on island. Mainly because of the ability to make it easier for us woman, quicker, less painful, and maybe clear and accurate results and those machines I know are very expensive but I know that he felt that, that investment was very important for the people of Guam, especially for woman. It's that kind of dedication that I think that we need and that we continue to need in our community and especially to serve on our Board. Another experience that I had was my mom, when I got a call from one of my family members saying the usual, how she's speaking, it's like her tongue is kind of thick and immediately without causing her alarm, I said well let's go to the doctor. It was late in the afternoon and immediately took us in and had an exam done on her, and sure enough she had a minor stroke and because of that quick response we were able to take on preventative measures to prevent future damage. It's very clear to me how highly dedicated he is to our people, and yes I know we have many doctors as such here on Guam but I can attest on a first hand basis, multiple occasions how he has shown his dedication to customers like myself and I'm sure that when he gets appointed to be a board member that he will always keep the people the forefront of his decisions. Now I can't say that I had an examination by Mr. Phil Flores but I will share that in my encounter and switching over to Mr. Phil Flores in a bit. But going back to Dr. Nathaniel Berg, I highly endorse his nomination and please I ask the Senators to please support his nomination and as far as Mr. Phil Flores, what can I say, he's been great community supporter and again he too would keep the people of the forefront of his decisions when he's nominated onto the board. Thank you for your consideration.



Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.: Thank you.

Mr. Alfred Ysrael: May I add one more thing. When this first happened to me, the first reaction of my family was to send me to Manila or Los Angeles but I opted to stay here and in my treatment, I'm a diabetic and I've got a bad heart, complications arose and I was sent to the Guam Memorial hospital for three (3) days to recover and recoup and I have to say the care I received at the Guam Memorial Hospital was phenomenal, outstanding. I can't say enough good things about them. I don't care what anybody says about Government service, that's a risk works, thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.:** Thank you very much, Mr. Israel and we have the management team of the Guam Memorial Hospital behind you there and just like you I share that we have really good people there. So thank you for taking care of Mr. Israel. Senators, any questions or comments for this panel? (Recognized Senator Mary Torres)

Senator Mary Camacho-Torres: Joseph, for you to speak Chamorro (Speaking in Chamorro) and Mr. Israel, I'm so happy that you're well, very happy that you're well sir. Yes and thank you for sharing your insight because sometimes that speaks to the human side as opposed to pure competency and that factor is a great compliment isn't it to individuals when they're in service and Sam, nice to see you. Dr. Morbini, thank you for providing also a personal perspective which is very helpful in our thoughts about the confirmation, thank you.

**Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.:** Thank you Senator. Thank you very much for your time this afternoon. We'll call on Mr. Flores and Dr. Berg. Oh there is one more, Roy please. We'll have Mr. Roy Adonay first and then we'll have the two (2) of them.

Mr. Roy Adonay: Good afternoon Senators and thank you for this opportunity to speak on behalf of the gentlemen that are seated here on the table with me. I'd like to start off by saying something about Dr. Nathaniel Berg and would certainly say something about Mr. Phil Flores. Dear sir, madame, and HafaAdai and warm greetings. As a Guam civic leader, I offer my full endorsement of Dr. Nathaniel Berg confirmation as a board member. I debated heavily whether I should say something about it but having had the opportunity to work with him for the past decade and having other opportunity to be a professor at the University for the past fifteen (15) years and having lead many innovated programs in Social Services on island, it was truly heartwarming to be working with a person who is clearly has an envisions as I did. One thing that I wanted to make sure and in my past civic involvement has clearly shown that I for one would like services to be offered to our people of Guam over here. Dr. Berg, when I first started in there, I was just amazed on his tenacity and his ability to foresee something, to be able to seek new and innovative equipment, ways of doing things. My grandfather was here since 1956 and I came here when I was very young and I remember have to bring my father to Guam Memorial Hospital and then the old Guam Memorial Hospital, having to have an X-Ray being done and the result not being made available. When we ended up following up with our physician, still practicing now, Dr. Guzman, it was two (2) weeks already since we've visited the Guam Memorial Hospital but yet not gotten any reports on any X-



Ray that my father had and that was really troubling for me and my father said to me, it's the way it is, you just have to be patient about it. When you first started working for Guam Radiology and I said this is not acceptable. A very expensive program was brought into this island called the (inaudible) which allows physicians not only on island but off island to be able to review all the studies conducted on that particular individual, having recalled one (1) patient that was diagnosed came to us with diagnosis of cancer and fourth (4th) stage already and during that time you had to cling to whatever is available out there. Remember the time when you have to make CD's for all your studies and have FedEx to those particular doctors? This person was actually seeking to be seen by four (4) doctors all around the world, from South Africa, Korea, Taiwan, and Manila. Within less than an hour, all the doctors from all around the world was able to see all the studies in particular patient which enable to person to leave within a few days after being diagnoses with that particular illness. This is something that is a reality over here on Guam and this is part of us being offered, we need no cost to the patient over here. People from our brothers and sisters in Saipan used to have a mammogram and have their mammogram two (2) to three (3) months later. Mammograms are now being done and read within 24 hours, it makes a big difference. The (inaudible) that Dr. Berg had brought to the island had made it very much possible. One of the other things that I admire on how we do things that our clinic is at, not a single person that comes into our door step, every fuse we type of services especially when it comes to their ability to pay. A lot of people don't realize that several people, everyday, comes through our doorstep having to have CTSCAN, X-Ray, and don't have money to pay and by the way, regardless if they're local people, tourist, TNT, and the undocumented alien, we don't look at any of those things and those services are provided free to those folks. If I can just probably enumerate something that we can get ourselves, tax credit for that one, we don't have to be paying taxes for that on monthly bases. We've also had, when Dr. Berg who is a radiologist, he could of actually concentrated on the field of Radiology but when many individuals coming to our clinic and says, I am in need of a urologist, without even thinking about it, ended up trying to get someone from off island a urologist to practice this here on Guam. Between five (5) to six (6) years ago we actually opened our doors and the first specific urology opened on Guam. This is actually started by Dr. Berg, then all of a sudden, cardiology patience needed to see some doctors, cardiology facility was open and now within the next couple of weeks, we're actually opening up the next pulmonology facility here on Guam which is actually not available over here. These are things that the people don't realize that Dr. Berg is focusing his attention on. He actually had assisted the Guam Memorial Hospital trying to find a good radiologist to bring to and to practice at Guam Memorial Hospital without any type of benefits on our side and without any cost to Guam Memorial Hospital. I recalled that I actually had to be standing with an immigration lawyer at the FedEx office on a Saturday afternoon and they're closing at 12 noon time and we were there at 11:59 to make sure that, that person actually gets licensed here on Guam. So his commitment, his tenacity, his eagerness to help the people of Guam is certainly something that we ought to look at consider especially for his appointment for GBME. As was stated by my good friend, former Senator Sam Mabini. Mr. Phil Flores here doesn't need any introduction or anything, actually a person that I always run into and encounter unusual problems here in the community, always allocated much of his resources especially when I was president of the Filipino Community of Guam and continues to do so



with advance, whatever it is that we're doing. In fact, it's because of his generosity that I've had my weekly Saturday morning talk show for ten (10) years now called, Min DamingPinoy just building there in Dededo and because of his generosity, free service is actually continues to discuss the needs of our particular community. Thank you Senators.

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.: Thank you very much Mr. Adonay for that testimony.

Mr. Phil Flores: First thanks, people have been saying very nice things about Dr. Berg and myself. Chairman Rodriguez and distinguished members of the committee, I am Philip J. Flores and I come here today to humbly ask for your support for my nomination for the Guam Board of Examiners and to answer any questions you have for me. I was served as the only public or that is non-physician member of the board. It has been my honor to previously, civically participate on two (2) other public boards. From 1987 to 1995, I was chairman of the Board for the Port Authority of Guam and from 2003 to 2007, I was chairman of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority Board and I had the pleasure to serve with a lot of the people in the room today. Both experience though were often long hours and contentious debates, especially with the hospital, we're personally rewarding and with our collective blessing I would welcome the contributing island through such service again, thank you and again, should you have any questions, I'd be please to answer them but before I leave. Dr. Berg is one of my best friends, yes my children call him Uncle Nate, he's smart, you've heard all the nice things about him, we're business partners, and we work well together and he'll do a great job and if he doesn't serve, I won't serve. So you have to serve. Okay he'll do it. Thank you.

**Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.:** Great, thank you very much. Dr. Berg I think we'll go ahead and take your opening to and then we'll open up for any questions the Senators may have.

Dr. Nathaniel Berg: Sure, Chairman, Senator Underwood, Senator Torres, again it's an honor to be here and I'm humbled by the kind words that people have said already and I too am seeking your support for my nomination to be a member of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners. I've been here for over twenty (20) years now and Guam is indeed my home and I think I was one of the fastest converts to becoming a member of Guam's community that really can take place in professional life. The incredible good fortune of having parents who are both Public Health Physicians that worked for the United Nations and was able to travel a lot as a child and when I got to Guam, basically got out of the plane and said, yeah this is where I want to live and even I recall a story. Four (4) days After I got here, Dr. Taitano, Dr. Duenas, Chris Perez, Larry Lizama and Mike Cruz and was looking for a job but the Doctor's Clinic and they asked me, what are my plans here? And I said well Guam is my home and I'm going to stay and live here and so I'm looking to try and improve the quality radiology services and then they asked me why I wanted to be here and I told them that I already found the members of the community to be incredibly caring and appreciative. Everybody that I was meeting here was saying, thank you for being here and we hope you stay and that was a time when I felt. You know if people want me to stay here and I can make a difference and I like it here and the people were so nice, I can enlist the entire community to have improve the quality of care available on Guam and then it was John Taitano, well how long have you



been on Guam? Four (4) days and they of coursed laughed and they tell me know, let's give it a week or two and about a month later I run into Chris Perez and he said how do you feel now? And I said, what? And still twenty (20) years later, I think we're going to stay. The state of health care at that time was way behind the times even for then. Guam was in a dire need for improvement in health care and we had people like the gentlemen that I mentioned, Debbie Erikson, rest her soul, there was so many people who are poised to come together at that time and say we've got to build on what we have now and make the standard of care on Guam, make it a standard of care like it sits like the United States or better. I wanted to be part of that and at that time, things were so often faced no as answer. You want to bring a high rated MRI, in a sort of the, that's really not possible. The power generation is not good enough, so I would go and address that and see, Simon Sanchez, can you help me to make power smoother in Tamuning so that (Unaudible) would sell me an MRI if they're going to warranty it, the power has to be smoother. They said, okay we can do it. How about financing? Oh the insurance companies don't have contracts, okay so I met people like Frank Campillo, can you help to get these contracts even though we don't have one?can you find a place? And Dawn Davis said, StayWelland like all said yes we'll do that. To meet with everybody, with banking, all sorts of people who initially said it's not possible and if you stick with it and we had support in the community, we got an MRI and now we have four (4) high level MRIs here on Guam. Things changed dramatically, equipment wise and they continue to change. More recently we're facing the issue of what do we do for people who need, cardiac neoplasia. Unfortunately the answer I got when I approached Navy and said, what do you do when patients arrive and are having a heart attack? They said, we watch them have a heart attack. What can we do? There's nothing to do. So a group of people have gotten together and said that needs to change and not only are we soon going to have a sunset when going to the emergency room, your heart attack is treated but there's also a cardiac surgeon that can then do a bypass if it's needed. This is something that was hardly imaginable unless you said, we're not going to take no for an answer and we're going to have better quality care on Guam than in a similar size community in the US because we're isolated. Therefore coming upon us not to try and do the best we can but to do better than other communities and I've been honored to work with incredibly talented physicians who saw that same possibility that we can do better than other places and it's made a difference on how we can attract people to come here because they feel that this is safe and I can bring my family here. What hasn't changed is my feeling for the community and I think there's a unique practice on Guam that has physicians that call Guam home, some out here for a week or two (2) but call Guam home that I used to say to patients sometimes, when they were a bit ancy but whether or not to follow my suggestions I'd say, you know I'm treating you like you're my family. This is what I would advise, as a member of my family and now comes to really every patient that comes see me, is a member of my family. They're part of this community, I don't think there's a single patient that comes into our clinic or into their affiliated clinics that we have where you can't very quickly make that association, there's no seven degrees of separation in my life on Guam. It's typically one (1), you can dance around a little bit, I will find one (1) that is very close to me. It's my teachers sister, It's my kids best friends aunt, it's also close that everybody I treat, I'm treating as they were a member of my family because they are. This is the Guam family that we have and even when it comes to the military now. I think the military that serve out here deserve, high quality



care and not to have to leave. They're serving our country, they're coming to Guam is part of the United States of America, and they should have the same quality care like they would anywhere else in the US. The Veterans are very poorly served, but I see that as changing too, to where we can expect we will have better quality care for everybody. When I was asked to serve on the board, I wondered about the perception of sometimes a ruckus emotions that can happen in medicine and I thought it was important for people to understand that these are healthy debates that we have, that once debates are out there because both parties in medicine that I've seen here are striving to get something better here for Guam. They may have a little bit of a different way to approach it but that comes to healthy debates and people feel strongly about it, about different issues but once those debates are settled, we all come together and work together. I've heard people arguing on the radio and I've seen them arguing on television or news paper articles and the same day, see them working together in an operating room on the same patient. One calls and the other one comes and help in the emergency room and I hope that the community understands that there is no divisive medical society, medical community here. Yes we feel strongly and we're out and advocating what we feel is the right thing, but once those debates are settled we come together as a medical community and have been able to be part of an improvement in quality care for everyone and our Guam family for the past twenty (20) years. So when I was asked to serve on the board, I of course said yes and said if you nominate Phil also, I'll do it. But the truth of the matter is I'm very happy to have Phil there. So I did say yes, because it's just another part of me doing my time to serve on a committee. Yes it will take time but unfortunately, Mr. Ysrhael is right, I am a absolute workaholic and I'm not seeking to join, is there a WA? I don't know if there is but I'm not joining WA. So I will live as a workaholic, it's in my blood and I'm going to stay that way. So no I won't take away from the care that I provide patients and I might also add and I'm proud to do it that indeed support Mr. Flores, Phil is a good friend, indeed his kids call me Uncle and Vice Versa and that again stems from the closenessthat people have if you are neighbors, you become friends very quickly and that's how Phil and I met as neighbors. When Phil was on the board, there's such extraordinary frustration that I really thought any day now after about the first day, he's going to quit because it's incredibly frustrating, not that it's the staff of GMH or the physicians it's just an extremely difficult job to run a place out there that serves as the only place where people can turn to for healthcare. How do you do that? Incredible patience, diligence, and devotion to the people of Guam which is clearly shown and I welcome being a member of a board where Phil Flores serves. Thank you very much for your time.

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.: Great, thank you very much Dr. Berg. First of all congratulations on both of your nominations and I want to thank you for your service to our community, both of you in your professional careers. Your civic involvement and you're community involvement is just needs to be recognized, so thank you very much for agreeing to stepping up and serving in another board and in another capacity. Mrs. Berg, I also want to thank her for being here and for her support of Dr. Berg. I have a few questions then I'll ask the two (2) senators if they have any questions. In the Guam Board of Medical Examiners, it's a seven (7) member board, I believe we have five (5) there now and so both of you would complete the seven (7) member board. One as a public member and one as a physician. You know in terms of any, and you kind of mentioned it, about the perception of any conflict, how would you,



this is for you Dr. Berg. How would you react to things if someone were to come in as an application, in human nature, we're all human and we have a human nature, but how would you separate that from your duties as a board member.

Dr. Nathaniel Berg: Well I think we do that on a near daily basis here on Guam because there are what in other communities be conflicts that would be exclusionary. You see this person is close with this person, indeed in California for example, there are applicants within the Guam Board before the California Board Medical Examiners, if that person resides in your county, you are not allowed to be involved in a discussion. Those counties might have 20 times more people than Guam, we don't have the luxury of having people who understand the needs of the Guam Community and also don't live here and don't have conflicts. So I think if you're going to choose to live in a community here like Guam and choose to serve publicly, it's incumbent upon you to know where to draw the line and where to separate out your personal interest versus conflicts that you can overcome. So if it's my brother who's applying for a license, no I can't participate in that but if it's another radiologist as long as other don't perceive a conflict and I think if I were to perceive in a conflict of another board member I would bring it up and I don't think that person would necessarily be insulted, might said yeah I may have not thought about the fact that, that person is going to rent my office space I suppose there is a conflict and I'll recues myself. I don't think we've had that difficulty on Guam, let's say Guam Memorial Hospital where you're looking at credentials, I think people have come to settle at a level where we are all rather comfortable with in terms of knowing when to separate out when you have conflict, like you yourself, I imagine I have this conflict with a debate every once and a while we have to think about it's my neighbor or I used to work with that person, I don't anymore. Where this relationships are, thank goodness there's seven (7) members on the board so that those decisions can be made without having to recusal of me and you won't have a quorum and indeed what Mr. Artero Cameron expressed about the need for people to show up is something that I take to heart and will. I wouldn't serve if I didn't feel that I could make say at least ten out of twelve a year, I might be off-island for a couple of them but I'll do everything I can to make this a very high priority because the importance of making sure that licenses are appropriately reviewed. So the quorum is there, then it'll be a little easier to recues myself I guess that's how I'll approach it.

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.: Great thank you very much, I appreciate that and I think it's important that we ask that, I don't envy you or the other members who are in that board but this is for both of you. I know in the past we used to have certificate of need process, right? And that was abolished. There's some efforts to revive that, to really take a look at the whole landscape of healthcare on island, it really has expanded and grown. I think everyone would agree. What is your thoughts on that certificate of need and will that perhaps hand in hand with the work of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners, because if we have that process then we'd know what are the services we need, the specialist that we need, would that work hand in hand?

**Dr. Nathaniel Berg:** Yes and No. I have a personal experience and had a certificate of need. When I purchased radiology consultants and I'm a free market person when it comes to healthcare and if the free



market works best in healthcare so long, under certain provisions that you have of course, a licensure board and insurance boards and regulatory boards that helped regulate healthcare but I'm incredible free market person. I think the free'er your allow people to come in and expand the better off we all are. So in keeping with my belief and my feelings about that. I gave it up voluntarily because I thought, why should I be the only person to bring in a CATSCAN, that doesn't make any sense. So I voluntarily gave it up, I don't believe that we need a certificate of need here. I think those type of guaranteed monopolies served their purpose on Guam before so I think it was important. I don't believe we need them anymore at all. Maybe other industries but not healthcare, we have a vibrant healthcare community and I think those needs will be served by being able to attract people now that we have newer facilities, newer equipment, much less that self perpetuating, means other specialist will come and bring in an advance cardiologist then someone says oh okay, now I have a pack of ice and colleagues to work with and can bring in better equipment because there are people that can use it. No I don't support certificate in need process as being necessary on Guam. Maybe in the future if things change but not me.

Mr. Phil Flores: I wasn't even aware that there was such a thing until just now. But I'm with Dr. Berg, I'm a free market person obviously. I'm a capitalist and I think I'll stand with the committee. I'm so far in medicine over the last twenty (20) years and maybe it's when the Archbishop was putting together another hospital in the early 70s, that was our first stride and then that of course became GMH and the number of doctors here now, the amount of care we have now, doctors like Dr. Berg's clinic, Dr. Lizama's clinic, AMC that just opened up and of course Guam Regional Center, seeing that just opened up. We just grown leaps and bounds and I think we need to go backwards.

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.: Okay thank you! (Recognized Senator Nerrisa Underwood).

Senator Nerissa Underwood: Well it's almost hard to address you Dr. Berg and also for your Mr. Phil Flores, Primo. Because both of you are really accomplished and I'm almost intimidated in asking you questions relative to the positions you're going to take because this is really a tremendous responsibility. This is the board that will be a gatekeeper, you will be the one to determine whether those who want to practice and take care of us are really worth giving their license to practice here and that's a big responsibility. The smaller the number of a board the greater responsibility. So I just thank you that you're willing to step up. With the high standards that both of you have demonstrated through your respective professions I do know they both translate standards of expectations that you would also practice as board members especially with this but I do want to ask first Phil, in your role in the community as a representative for the public, what do you think would be the critical issues that you would like to address as a member and as a representative there in that board?

Mr. Phil Flores: I think you've just mentioned several of them that deal with to make sure that whoever comes in, because eventually those people will be taking care of everyone in this room, is just as capable of Dr. Lizama, Dr. Berg and also if we can make it easier for a capable person, physician, to come into the community trying not to have a road block there because again we've come so far, it would seem to me especially at my time for the hospital when I was on the board that we could've used more hospital



surgeons and so the easier we can make it for qualified individuals to want to come to Guam, that's what I would try to do.

**Senator Nerissa Underwood:** Okay and Dr. Berg, I'm all for equal opportunity and equal treatment and so in the past, my understanding was that there could've been a conflict that may have arose in the credentialing, I don't know if that was just rumors or what but I would like to ask you the same question about the critical issues and the extent in which you would might be able to ensure that everyone will be given the fair treatment and the equal opportunity to practice here.

**Dr. Nathaniel Berg**: Well I share Phil's role in making the availability of licensure and the ability for us to attract specialist her and I use this term, with a definition after it, easier. Meaning that the obstacles that we have right now for a licensure there are clearly going to be things that can be addressed to make it a little easier, we don't have an electronic form for example so that makes it a little easier for those who are busy on practices and be little more attractive. If you look online and you don't have to have same form to you and all that can be done electronically. So I think that opens doors a little bit. It's subtle, it's not changing any laws, it's merely making it so that applications can be processed faster who hire, hopefully we're getting busy physicians that are coming out, not ones that are sitting around have plenty of time to hand fill applications. So the concept again is to allow as many qualified positions to come here, put in as much road blocks that might otherwise restrict access. So I think my conflict would be merely insane that if we're going to deny someone a license that efforts are made to explain to somebody what they might do to be able to get the license here. That's really what might be my idea is merely to keep the standards at a high level but not have administrative issues get in the way, not have things like mail, getting away when there are ways to solve problems or address questions rather than saying no, by saying we have a few questions. So that's my bias, before one says no, is give people a fair chance and indeed you had mentioned equal opportunity is to look at those that may not fit the exact definition of what the board rules state to see if that is in some way prohibiting us for getting otherwise qualified individuals. There are fifty (50) states, each of them have different licensure requirements and I think it's incumbent upon us to come and see how do the others do it and there are things that we can learn that maybe make it easier, are there loop holes that might have missed that might allow someone not qualified to come in. We don't want to be again with all due respect to the state of California, when I applied for a license to work in Pennsylvania when I first got out of Medical School was a two (2) page application, the check list for California was two (2) pages, a check list of all the things that you had to submit that was really cumbersome and I don't think added to qualifications. I think if we move somewhere towards making it again less restrictive, administratively by allowing still the same qualifications that we're looking for, to ensure that we're looking out for the safety and wellbeing but that involves being able to look at change. Not necessarilyjust enforcement but again requires a little more effort. I think Phil shares that with me that we're not just there to show up and vote but to also look and say wait a minute, why isn't this person getting a license? Let's look if there's something, how does California handle that? Let's look at ten (10) different States randomly that this person. I'll give you an example. I've seen applicants who have licenses in 4, 5, 6 states and a denied license here on Guam. Now I'm not always privy as to why those



people are not licensed because there are privacy issues involved but I think we need to look at some of those things and wonder, are we doing something wrong? The answer maybe no, maybe we uncovered something because we're more diligent than someplace else but if someone is licensed in 5 or 6 states and an unrestricted licenses and have a rather clean record, maybe we are doing something wrong, so that would again like you said to open up fair access to everybody, not be restrictive and allowing physicians to come in, whether they are radiologists or surgeons or any other specialty.

**Senator Nerissa Underwood:** Okay, finally I just want to thank you as well. We have benefit from your commitment to our island and for your high level of care and I really appreciate it very much and also Mr. Flores, thank you very much. Thank you again for stepping up to this tremendous responsibility.

Dr. Nathaniel Berg: Thank you Senator.

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.: Thank you Senator. (Recognized Senator Torres).

Senator Mary Torres: Thank you Dr. Berg and Mr. Flores, I know both of you personally and I have the highest respect for both of you but I have a question that's a little out of the box and I just want to get your opinion about it. I recently came back from the Philippines and as always when I'm traveling there are a lot of people that are seeking medical care there. Are medical insurance providers allow patients from Guam to seek medical treatment in the Philippines and it's covered but yet those same physicians and experts who are treating us there often aren't able to get licensed on Guam and in other venues held here at the legislature there is always that discussion. How do you get more specialists to the island? There's an ample supply of professionals in this foreign jurisdiction that would be quite capable and in fact when we go into their jurisdiction we put and our lives in their hands. What are your thoughts on that, on filling the gaps on Guam, not currently licensed on Guam but from the foreign jurisdiction and practicing in the Philippines, let's just use that as an example.

Mr. Phil Flores: I believe the enabling law for the Guam Medical Examiners, for our board, does take into recognition those who have gone to Medical school in a foreign country for licensed in a foreign country. I'm certainly not an expert like Dr. Berg would be but outside of those issues there are certain bodies that do, I'm going to say certify the quality of your Medical education and of course a number of persons they've worked on in another country for quite awhile by that country or that state. So I may have to just realize that all the good physicians are not in America but outside of America too.

**Dr. Nathaniel Berg:** I would say there are a couple of things I would agree in general with what Phil said but I think there are certain issues that have to do with immigration and the federal regulatory bodies that don't allow us to simply move people. In other words you just can't say, I think this guy is an extraordinary good cardiac surgeon, let him or her move to Guam and one of them being CMS, Centers for Medicaid Services which require more training in order for them to work at hospitals for example. Guam Memorial Hospital being a Medicare certified hospital would risk it's certification if it doesn't comply with those laws. I will not claim to be an expert on those rules and regulations but I know that it



was explored when I was on the bylaws there as to how we might have visiting surgeons even in an urgent and emergency situations could we fly someone over and Medicare and said no, you cannot, you will risk your certification if you do not have appropriately licensed individuals and it's not Guam that would make those rules and regulations, so some of those rules are set, federally. Additionally it is a bit difficult to understand to make the comparisons even if they are extraordinarily good physicians because medical schools and residencies are judged by the American College Graduate of Medical education and the bodies that accredit schools in the US. Now there are some schools like the American Medical school in Beirut, Lebanon, of all places that have gone through the process of getting there schools accredited by the US medical schools. There are schools in the Caribbean which you may have heard about and there are schools in Mexico who have sought to be accredited to provide similar levels of education as our granted in the US and to my knowledge there aren't in the Philippines again I don't claim a level of expertise but I also know that we've had incredible physicians come out of the Philippines who had all of their education accept for a few advanced years. For example, Dr. Potero went to medical school, took his residency there and came to the US for advance level of training and as one (1) surgeon here, the best neurologist I've worked with. Do I see us again opening up those opportunities as much as possible? I think it's incumbent on us to do so. As much as legally possible, there are, when I looked at the laws again that Govern our activity on the board to make sure, it's something I wanted to do, there are alternative accrediting processee. For example, when someone becomes a US board certified, that should be sufficient as accrediting because that says they know as much as anybody that trained in the US up to that and finishing that. There are potential opportunities there. Immigration components, I do know one (1) of their member that they have to taken a third level of licensure of examination or they won't be allowed to come in, so that changes things a little bit, again those regulatory mechanisms should not be looked at as other than steps of the process, not to put them as roadblocks and maybe we can encourage individuals to take those tests and then allow them to come in. The other one that is not quite the same but is a thought, and it's crossed my mind, when a physician found out that I was being nominated asked me a question, it just apropos of your question said, we allow licenses for people who graduated from Medical School in Canada. We allowed board certified certification in Canada to be equivalent with US board of certification because they are the medical schools judged to be equal but in Canada they allow the royal college of physicians and surgeons to be the equivalent, which means you got your license and training in England or in Hong Kong and you are a fellow, as they call it in the Royal College of Radiologist or surgeons or physicians, that they say that is sufficient evidence that you have a qualification to practice medicine in Canada. So if they meet the qualification of immigration, they can practice. That's something that I think worth exploring and perhaps quantifying after careful due diligence to make sure that, I don't know if it's the same in England and Hong Kong for example, I just used those as two (2) examples but again in keeping with both my free market value and the sense of duty to the people of Guam to allow as many qualified physicians as possible to practice here. I'm 100 percent with you on that idea that we should further explore options.

Senator Mary Torres: Thank you



**Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.:** Thank you very much Senator. Thank you very much again, we'll keep the record open for anyone who wishes to provide written testimony for the next few days and we'll work on getting this out as soon as we could for the next session.

Dr. Nathaniel Berg: Thank you Senators.

#### III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS



#### EDDIE BAZA CALVO Governor

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Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker I Mina trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hesler Street Hagâtña, GU 96910

33-15-0844 Office of the Speaker Judich T. Won Pat. Ed.D

Received By:

**RE: Board Appointment** 

Dear Madame Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam and the local laws applicable to the following position, I am pleased to transmit the following appointment and supporting documents for:

APPOINTEE:

Nathaniel B. Berg, M.D.

POSITION:

Member, Guam Board of Medical Examiners

TERM LENGTH:

Four (4) years

The appointment is subject to the consent of I Liheslaturan Guåhan. Please schedule a hearing at your earliest convenience.

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EDDIE BAZA CALVO Governor

RAY TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor

September 10, 2015

Nathaniel Berg, M.D.

Re: Appointment as Guam Board of Medical Examiners

Dear Dr. Berg:

Thank you for your commitment to serve the people of Guam. The Calvo-Tenorio administration continues to face unprecedented challenges, both near and long-term. The task ahead of us will require the collective efforts of the best minds who have the courage to make tough decisions for the good of all our people. Pursuant to my authority under the Organic Act of Guam, I hereby appoint you to serve in the Calvo-Tenorio administration as:

## Member, Guam Board of Medical Examiners Term Length: Four (4) years

This appointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Please contact the Office of the Governor at 472-8931 for further processing.

RAY TENORIO

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# **Boards & Commissions Nomination Information**

The following information is required for submission to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* in accordance with Title 4. Guam Code Annotated Section 2103 5 and Section 13104 1:

#### First Nathaniel Berg MIR Last Name Date Address Apartment/Unit # ZIP City State Phone E-mail Address Position to which Appointment Guam Board of Medical Examiners is Made If no, are you authorized to work in Are you a citizen of the United YES NO YES NO the US? States? **EDUCATION** Newton, Mass High School Newton North High School City/State Did you Diploma From ⊸ 1986 YES NO Degree graduate? College City/State Amherst, Mass University of Massachusett at Amherst 1983 <sup>™</sup> 1986 From YES # NO Degree Bachelor of science

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#### **EDUCATION**

Graduate School

Tufts University School of Medicine

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Boston, Mass

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YES

NO

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Other Degree

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Did you graduate?

YES

NO

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#### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

(1) Present Employer

**Guam Radiology Consultants** 

Position

Radiologist and Medical Director

Address

Suam Medical Plaza, 633 Gov Carlos Camacho Rd. Tamuning

Dates Held

2000-present

(2) Previous

Radiology of Guam Employer

Position

Radiologist

Address

PMB 33, 275-G Farenholt Ave, Tamuning

Dates Held

1999-2000

(3) Previous Employer

**United States Army** 

Position

Officer, Physician

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#### **TRAINING**

Institute/Seminars/On-the-Job Training: Date

Internship - Letterman Army Medical Center 1990-1991
Radiology Residency - Walter Reed Army Medical Center 1991-1995
Extensive post graduate training in Interventional Radiology

Extensive training and experience in Pain Management

#### **AWARDS**

List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:

Diplomate. American Board of Radiology. Chief Resident in radiology. Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Advanced Trauma Life Support (1990).

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Recognized Radiation Safety Officer, Assistant Clinical Instructor in radiology at

Uniformed services University of the Health sciences (1994-1995), Certified A-Reader for Asbestosis by the

National Institute of Occupational Health and Safety, Awarded 3 Humantarian Service Medals by Department of defense Phi Beta Kappa, The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Recognized Patriotic Employer

#### PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

List involvement on a local/national/international level, list organization, activities participated in. offices held:

Past President of Guam Medical Society, Prior Board Member Guam Chapter Amercian Red Cross

Prior Member of Executive Committee of the Medical Staff at Guam Memorial Hospital and U.S. Naval Hospital Guam

Co-Organizer of International Conference on Childhood Obesity held on Guam (2006)

American College of Radiology (ACR) Member in good standing and first to establish ACR Designated Lung cancer Screening center

in Western Pacific and ACR Accredited MRI. Member in Good Standing American Accedemy of Interventional Pain Physicians

#### COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities, participated in, offices held

As the owner of Guam Radiology Consultants, sponsored and contributed to numerous civic events and organizations including 5K runs, medical educational meetings, little league and Babe Ruth teams and The UOG Endowment Fund. Helped organize and moderated numerous candidate forums. Hosted medical radio talk show. Worked with DISID as employer. Volunteer Instructor in Pain Medicine in Iceland Accept / Host high school, college and medical students for summer internships.

#### **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

List any published articles, papers delivered at professional meetings, etc.

The Radiologist's Role in Disaster - Presented at The Asia-Pacific Military medical Conference, Auckland, New Zealand, May 1998 Tragedy in Guam: One Doctor's Chronicle -- Hawaii Medical Journal: November, 1997 [56(11), 307] Testicular Masses Associated with Congential Adremal Hyperplasia: MRI Findings - Urology: February, 1996 [47(2), 1996] Numerous AMA Approved Continuing Medical Education Lectures through Guam Medical Association and Guam Medical Society

#### MILITARY SERVICE (PLEASE ATTACH FORM DD-214)

Branch United States Army

From 6/1990 To 6/1999

Rank at Discharge

Major

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(3) Have you ever been found not guilty or not punishable in any criminal proceedings by reason of insanity?	YES	NO <b>I</b>
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# Statement of Financial Interests

(Required by 4 G.C.A. § 13104.1)

TO:

Governor Eddie Baza Calvo Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex Adelup, Guam 96910

FROM:

# Nathaniel Berg

- ☐ I have no financial interest in any business
- 1 do have interest(s) in the following business(es):

Name and address of business interest:	Type and amount of interest
Guam X-ray DBA Guam Radiology Consultants	
Guam Medical Imaging Center	
MB Bricks, LLC	
Pacific Urology Consultants	
Pacific Cardiology Consultants	
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Viking Management Solutions	
Pacific Pulmonology Consultants	

Signature

July 30, 2015

#### AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

I, the undersigned, do hereby depose and say that: (1) I have read and reviewed the information contained in the attached Appointment/Nomination letter from the Governor of Guam; (2) that the matters contained in the Appointment/Nomination letter, together with all attachments thereto, are true and correct and that I am competent to testify to said matters; and (3) that this Declaration is made for the purpose of complying with the requirements of 4 G.C.A. Section 2103.5.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Guam (4 G.C.A. Section 4308) that the foregoing is true and correct.

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PUBLIC HEARING Monday, Sept. 21, 2015

2pm

**Legislature Public Hearing Room** 

Confirmation Hearing on the Executive Appointment of Dr. Nathaniel Berg as a Member of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners.

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Committee on Health, Economic Development, Homeland Security, and Senior Citizens I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guahan 155 Hesler Place Hagatna, Guam 96910



September 21, 2015



Subject: Confirmation Hearing on Appointment Dr. Nathaniel Berg Guam Board of Medical Examiner



Håfa Adai my dear Senators and to all our listening audience on television.



I come here before you today to provide written and oral testimony on behalf of a wonderful human being who truly has determination, optimism, care, tries, observes and returns healthcare delivery into the very hands of all us consumers! These six words spell "doctor".



All these words expound on the whole clinical world's need to concentrate on patient rights... a right to treatment, a right to selecting a mode of treatment, the right to decline medical treatment, and the most difficult task of placing one's life in the trust of a medical professional!

Dr. Nathaniel Berg carries these very core values, not only when at work with patients...he carries these core values in the very character that has shaped his medical practice today; God only knows that working on Guam within a very small community, places this doctor under a microscope. The good news is that the microscopic images, as translated into human emotions, finds Dr. Berg a home in the hearts of all he heals, he loves and cares for.

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We are living in times of turbulence, in times of very serious concern that all who practice medicine in our small community MUST meet not only our clinical needs for treatment; but, the most obvious of all the "healing hands of God" entrusted in our doctors!

The acceptance of Dr. Berg to serve on a board that licenses medical professionals is clearly NOT an easy decision. He not only exposes his personhood to doing the right things to securing and licensing medical professionals, he also has the daunting task to say "no" to medical licensure in protection of all of us here on Guam.

I, myself, was on the Guam Licensure Commission in the late 1980s licensing not only medical doctors, but also dentists, acupuncturists, nurses, physical therapists, psychologists, vetinarians, chiropractors to name a few. I have served the people of Guam over 27 years in the health service field and find Dr. Berg exceptionally exceeding any litmus test that proves excellence.

Dr. Berg, I recall reviewing the credentials of many medical practitioners on Guam and yours clearly tops 1% on the list of "excellence". You are the epitome and the envy of many who also desire your very dedication to the world of medicine in this ever-changing field...mined with many complex issues affecting the medical profession, while adhering to a centrical world of laws. Your passion will be tested to be sure the Board licenses only the best it can offer from those subscribing to practice medicine on Guam.

My dear people of Guam, I have utmost confidence in this gentle-man who has made Guam his home. He is Guam's son, he is Guam's pride... he believes in the best care possible for what ails us, what pains us, what makes us heal. My dear senators, I appeal to your kind and quickened response to a speedy confirmation of this fine doctor-healer to serve willingly and freely...our People of Guam.

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Subject: Confirmation of Dr. Nathaniel Berg

My name is Alfred C. Ysrael, and I am a productive resident of Guam for the last 64 years. I support the confirmation of Dr. Nathaniel Berg.

I have known Dr. Berg for nearly 14 years, both professionally and socially, when he first came to work at the basement of the Guam Medical Plaza Building, and when he was a neighbor.

I have personally seen the development of the Imaging Industry from its simple beginnings of just an X-Ray machine, to the present state of the art, sophisticated machines. And Dr. Nathaniel Berg was at the fore front of this development. He has led the way for the establishment of the most up to date state of the Art in the Imaging Industry in Guam. Others followed his lead.

He is also responsible for inviting other disciplines to join the medical community of Guam, e.g. Cardiologist, Urologist, and Cancer oncologist.

Dr. Berg is a WORKAHOLIC, . so this added community work will not impede his present work schedule.

Cordially you

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To Whom It May Concern,

 Dr. Nathaniel Berg has been a valuable medical colleague helping to improve our island's medical care for over the past two decades.

His medical clinic, Guam Radiology Consultants has been a critical healthcare resource that has meaningfully improved the lives of Guam's citizens. Dr. Berg has dedicated himself to bringing our island patients the most sophisticated diagnostic technology in order to allow accurate and timely diagnosis of disease. He has saved our community from enormous off island medical expenses by bringing the most up to date imaging and treatment procedures to Guam.

Dr. Berg has served as a leader among his peers as an officer with the Guam Medical Society and the Guam Medical Association over the past two decades. He has served as an island physician at the Guam Memorial Hospital and Naval Hospital Guam. He has contributed countless hours as mentor to young local island physicians and medical students.

We believe that Dr. Berg will serve our island well as a member of the Guam Board of Medical examiners.

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: Rennae Meno

Clerk of the Legislature

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio

Majority Leader & Rules Chair

Subject: Referral of Appointment

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of the following appointment:

Appointee: Nathaniel B. Berg, M.D.

Position: Member, Guam Board of Medical Examiners

For a copy of Dr. Berg's appointment packet, please visit the Guam Legislature's website at <a href="www.guamlegislature.com">www.guamlegislature.com</a>. Under the "Reports" menu select the "Messages & Communications" option and refer to:

"Doc. 33GL-15-0844: Governor's message transmitting the appointment of Nathaniel B. Berg, M.D., to serve as a Member, Guam Board of Medical Examiners."

Please ensure that the subject appointment is referred, in my name, to Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., Chairperson of the Committee on Health, Economic Development, Homeland Security, and Senior Citizens. I also request that the same be forwarded to all Senators of *I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

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Mon, Sep 14, 2015 at 10:15 AM

September 14, 2015

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From: Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

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