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> Honorable Judith Won Pat Speaker *I Mina Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan* 155 Hessler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96932

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Dear Speaker Won Pat,

While Guam is eligible for a significant amount of funding under the recently passed American Recovery and Renewal Act of 2009, much of this money requires Guam to take certain actions. To receive our share of the \$3.1 billion available in State Energy Program funds, Guam must demonstrate that we will begin upgrading building energy codes and develop a plan for compliance.

Given this requirement, I would like to ask the 30<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature to work with Guam's energy office at the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, the Consolidated Commission on Utilities, and other interested parties to develop plans for compliance. This activity will not only make us eligible for millions of dollars in grant funding, but will help our island reduce dependence on expensive fossil fuels and offer cost saving alternatives for residents, businesses and the government.

I look forward to working with you to accomplish these goals and offer the assistance of my Administration and staff to move our energy project forward.

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FELIX P. CAMACHO I Maga' låhen Guåhan Governor of Guam

Attachments: Section of American Recovery and Renewal Act of 2009

cc: Senator Tom Ada, Chairman, Committee on Utilities, Transportation, Public Works and Veterans Affairs
 Senator Rory Respicio, Chairman, Committee on Rules, Natural Resources, and Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs
 Simon Sanchez, Chairman, Consolidated Commission on Utilities
 Administrator, Guam Environmental Protection Agency

18 SEC. 410. ADDITIONAL STATE ENERGY GRANTS. (a) 19 IN GENERAL.—Amounts appropriated in paragraph (6) 20 under the heading "Department of Energy—Energy Pro-21 grams—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy" in title 22 V of division A of this Act shall be available to the Sec-23 retary of Energy for making additional grants under part 24 D of title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act 25 (42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.). The Secretary shall make grants -- ---

1 under this section in excess of the base allocation estab-2 lished for a State under regulations issued pursuant to 3 the authorization provided in section 365(f) of such Act 4 only if the governor of the recipient State notifies the Sec-5 retary of Energy in writing that the governor has obtained 6 necessary assurances that each of the following will occur:

7 (1) The applicable State regulatory authority 8 will seek to implement, in appropriate proceedings 9 for each electric and gas utility, with respect to. 10 which the State regulatory authority has ratemaking. 11 authority, a general policy that ensures that utility 12 financial incentives are aligned with helping their 13 customers use energy more efficiently and that pro-14 vide timely cost recovery and a timely earnings op-15 portunity for utilities associated with cost-effective 16 measurable and verifiable efficiency savings, in a 17 way that sustains or enhances utility customers' in-18 centives to use energy more efficiently.

19 (2) The State, or the applicable units of local
20 government that have authority to adopt building
21 codes, will implement the following:

22 (A) A building energy code (or codes) for
23 residential buildings that meets or exceeds the
24 most recently published International Energy

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Conservation Code, or achieves equivalent or greater energy savings.

(B) A building energy code (or codes) for commercial buildings throughout the State that meets or exceeds the ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2007, or achieves equivalent or greater energy savings.

8 (C) A plan for the jurisdiction achieving 9 compliance with the building energy code or 10 codes described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) within 8 years of the date of enactment of this 11 12 Act in at least 90 percent of new and renovated residential and commercial building space. Such 13 14 plan shall include active training and enforce-15 ment programs and measurement of the rate of 16 compliance each year.

17 (3) The State will to the extent practicable
18 prioritize the grants toward funding energy effi19 ciency and renewable energy programs, including—

20 (A) the expansion of existing energy effi21 ciency programs approved by the State or the
22 appropriate regulatory authority, including en23 ergy efficiency retrofits of buildings and indus24 trial facilities, that are funded—

(i) by the State; or

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(ii) through rates under the oversight of the applicable regulatory authority, to the extent applicable;

(B) the expansion of existing programs, approved by the State or the appropriate regulatory authority, to support renewable energy projects and deployment activities, including programs operated by entities which have the authority and capability to manage and distribute grants, loans, performance incentives, and other forms of financial assistance; and

(C) cooperation and joint activities between States to advance more efficient and effective use of this funding to support the priorities described in this paragraph.