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Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Hafa Adai! Our island's history is hung on a timeline of continual progress. As the sons and daughters of a culture over 4,000 years old, I believe it is our sacred obligation to protect that history, preserve our culture, and promote the ancient heritage of the island we love.

This is why our administration, the Guam Legislature, and our federal partners within the US Department of Agriculture, have worked to gain low interest loan financing for the construction of a Guam Cultural Heritage Institute.

Last week, Governor Felix P. Camacho signed a loan application which will allow our island to build a \$20 million Cultural Heritage Institute. I am pleased to inform you that based on recent conversations I have had with senior USDA officials, this application will be approved quickly within the USDA's Hawaii Office, and the only remaining requirement is the designation of debt service by the Guam Legislature. Unlike previous financing opportunities, this tangible investment will generate revenue through admissions fees, potentially expand our tourism base, and enhance our overall marketability as a destination while preserving our culture and heritage for future generations.

I am pleased that the 30th Guam Legislature is actively considering the passage of Bill 179-30 dedicating the necessary debt service for this vital project. Given the immense challenges we will face during the Guam Buildup, I believe the cooperation we are engaged in today will strengthen our cultural identity, deepen the meaning of our place in this world, and be a guidepost on the road to our future.

Sins eru yan Magåhet,

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