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F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO
Chief Justice

August 23, 2013

The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat
Speaker
I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
32nd Guam Legislature
155 Hessler Place
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Re: Governor's Budget Proposal

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

I am writing to express my concerns over the appropriations contained in the budget bill in reference to the Judiciary introduced today at the request of *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*, the Governor of Guam, in accordance with the Organic Act of Guam.

Although the Governor's proposal maintains the same operational level for the Judiciary of Guam as Vetoed Bill No. 38-32(COR) in the amount of \$23,341,184, the proposal significantly reduces or eliminates funds for other critical areas.

(1) The Governor's proposal reduces critical funding for the Adult and Juvenile Drug Court level below the FY13 Level

Governor's Bill - \$ 630,504
FY13 Amount - \$ 651,277
Bill No. 38-32 (COR) = \$967,765

Without this funding, the Judiciary's ability to maintain the integrity of the Adult and Juvenile Drug Court programs including adequate supervision of substance abuse clients and frequent random drug and alcohol testing will be negatively impacted. Resources are no longer available from other sources to sustain the current level of operations for drug court programs to be funded with the increased amount contained in Bill No. 38-32(COR).

(2) The Governor's proposal reduces funding for Indigent Defense

Governor's Bill - \$ 721,657
FY13 Amount - \$ 745,433
Bill No. 38-32(COR) - \$ 745,433

This further reduction to an underfunded amount will further hamper the administration of justice for indigent defendants.

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(3) The Governor's proposal reduces funding for Mental Health Court

Governor's Bill - \$ 96,810
Bill No. 38-32 (COR) - \$100,000

Although the difference of this amount is nominal, it eliminates additional resources to operate the Mental Health Court.

(4) The Governor's proposal eliminates funding for Merit Bonuses for Judiciary Employees

Governor's Bill - Provides authorization to pay from unspecified funds (Chapter VI - Section 13)
Bill No. 38-32(COR) - \$1,125,256 appropriation; \$2,638,825 - line of credit amount

There is inequity and disparity for classified employees of the Judiciary of Guam in that classified employees of the Executive Branch have been adequately compensated for merit bonuses and the judiciary employees have not.

(5) The Governor's proposal eliminates classified Judiciary employees from Hay Study Implementation

The Governor's proposal excludes the hardworking employees of the Judiciary of Guam in the implementation of the Hay Study. Again, we are only asking for parity and equity. The employees of the Judiciary are part of the Government of Guam and should be included in the Hay Study implementation.

Madame Speaker, the Judiciary of Guam is in support of the appropriation levels contained in Bill No. 38-32(COR) as passed by *l Liheslaturan Guáhan*. Although the amounts contained in Bill No. 38-32(COR) are lower than the amounts requested by the Judiciary in its budget request, in recognition of the continued efforts to reduce expenses, the Judiciary is prepared to maintain operations with the operational funding level of \$23,341,184, which is approximate to the amounts previously appropriated in FY13 and FY12.

However, the reduction and elimination of funds to operate the therapeutic specialty courts of the Judiciary and the just and equitable compensation of judiciary employees for merit bonuses and implementation of the Hay Study must be addressed by the legislature.

I look forward to your leadership on this issue together with your colleagues.

Sincerely,



F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO
Chief Justice of Guam

cc: All Senators