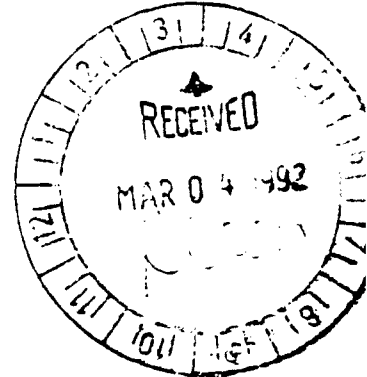


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**REFER TO  
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY**

**MAR 03 1992**



The Honorable Joe T. San Agustin  
Speaker  
Twenty First Guam Legislature  
155 Hesler St.  
Agana, Guam 96910

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Joe T. San Agustin".

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 539 which I have signed into law as Public Law No. 21-83.

This measure provides full funding for 38 people to attend the Close Up Foundation program in Washington D.C. This is a worthwhile endeavor for our young people. However, I am concerned that the government must pay all of the travel expenses of this program. Some students work hard to raise all the funding that they need for their off-island school activities while others expect one hundred percent from the government.

I have directed the Department of Education to establish a policy with respect to funds for off-island travel for students. This policy will extend to extracurricular, academic and sports activities and will require significant contributions for the travel.

Cordially,

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JOSEPH F. ADA  
Governor

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TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE  
1992 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

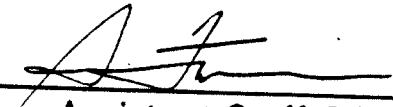
This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 539 (COR), "AN ACT TO TRANSFER ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$114,138) FROM THE LAPSED FUNDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO FUND THE CLOSE UP INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM," was on the 10th day of January, 1992, duly and regularly passed.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JOE T. SAN AGUSTIN  
Speaker

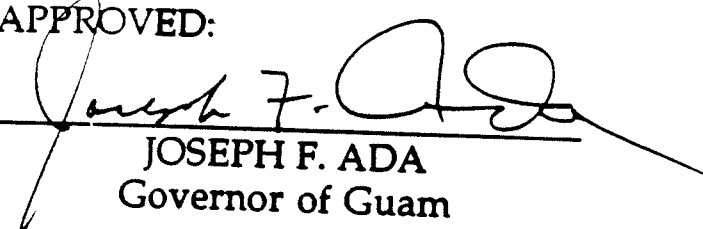
Attested:

  
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PILAR C. LUJAN  
Senator and Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by the Governor this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1992,  
at 5:05 o'clock p.M.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Staff Officer  
Governor's Office

APPROVED:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JOSEPH F. ADA  
Governor of Guam

Date: JAN 27 1992

Public Law No. 21-83

TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE  
1991 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 539 (COR)

As substituted by the Committee on  
Ways & Means and further substituted  
by the Committee on Rules

Introduced by:

E. P. Arriola  
F. R. Santos  
J. T. San Agustin  
J. P. Aguon  
J. G. Bamba  
A. C. Blaz  
M. Z. Bordallo  
D. F. Brooks  
H. D. Dierking  
E. R. Dueñas  
E. M. Espaldon  
C. T. C. Gutierrez  
P. C. Lujan  
G. Mailloux  
M. D. A. Manibusan  
D. Parkinson  
M. J. Reidy  
M. C. Ruth  
D. L. G. Shimizu  
T. V. C. Tanaka  
A. R. Unpingco

AN ACT TO TRANSFER ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN  
THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT  
DOLLARS (\$114,138) FROM THE LAPSED FUNDS OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO FUND THE  
CLOSE UP INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:  
2 Section 1. (a) Legislative findings and purpose. The Close Up Program

1 offers opportunity for high school students and teachers to experience the  
2 working of government in other jurisdictions through a series of on-site visits  
3 with Washington officials, staff members and other students and teachers  
4 with similar interests from around the nation. The Close Up Program assists  
5 young people to understand more of their civic responsibilities in the  
6 community.

7 Recently, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor have called for cost-  
8 cutting to be implemented throughout the departments of the government of  
9 Guam. At the present time, the Legislature finds that these procedures are  
10 desirable, and also finds that it is desirable to avoid making large  
11 appropriations unless they are of an urgently necessary nature. It is also the  
12 finding of the Legislature that the Department of Education has received  
13 ample funding for Fiscal Year 1992, and that extra positions were authorized  
14 that are not yet filled. For this reason, the Department of Education has  
15 funding available for transfer to the purposes set out in this Act.

16 (b) The Governor shall transfer One Hundred Fourteen Thousand One  
17 Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$114,138) from the lapsed funds of the  
18 Department of Education to fund the expenses of persons selected to  
19 participate at the Close Up International Program to be held from April 11  
20 through April 25, 1992. Funding shall be allocated as follows:

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|----|--|---|
| 21 | (a) John F. Kennedy High School          | 5 |
| 22 | (b) George Washington Senior High School | 5 |
| 23 | (c) Simon Sanchez High School            | 4 |
| 24 | (d) Academy of Our Lady of Guam          | 2 |
| 25 | (e) Notre Dame High School               | 2 |
| 26 | (f) Father Dueñas Memorial High School   | 2 |
| 27 | (g) Guam Community College               | 4 |

1	(h) Oceanview High School	3
2	(i) Inarajan High School	3
3	(j) St. John's High School	1
4	(k) Guam Youth Congress	5
5	(l) Teacher/advisor	2.

Date: 1/10/92

VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 539

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

	AYE	NO	NOT VOTING	ABSENT/ OUT DURING ROLL CALL
<u>AGUON, John P.</u>	✓			
<u>ARRIOLA, Elizabeth P.</u>	✓			
<u>BAMBA, J. George</u>	✓			
<u>BLAZ, Anthony C.</u>	✓			
<u>BORDALLO, Madeleine Z.</u>	✓			
<u>BROOKS, Doris F.</u>	✓			
<u>DIERKING, Herminia D.</u>	✓			
<u>DUENAS, Edward R.</u>	✓			
<u>ESPALDON, Ernesto M.</u>	✓			
<u>GUTIERREZ, Carl T.C.</u>	✓			
<u>LUJAN, Pilar C.</u>	✓			
<u>MAILLOUX, Gordon</u>	✓			
<u>MANIBUSAN, Marilyn D.A.</u>	✓			
<u>PARKINSON, Don</u>	✓			
<u>REIDY, Michael J.</u>	✓			
<u>RUTH, Martha C.</u>	✓			
<u>SAN AGUSTIN, Joe T.</u>	✓			
<u>SANTOS, Francisco R.</u>	✓			
<u>SHIMIZU, David L.G.</u>	✓			
<u>TANAKA, Thomas V.C.</u>	✓			
<u>UNPINGCO, Antonio R.</u>	✓			

# Twenty-First Guam Legislature

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**CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ**  
Senator

Chairman, Committee  
on Ways & Means

Vice-Chairman, Commi  
on Tourism & Transport

JAN 02 1992

Honorable Speaker Joe T. San Agustin  
Speaker  
Twenty-First Guam Legislature  
155 Hesler St.  
Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Ways and Means wishes to report out its findings on **BILL NO. 539 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CLOSE UP INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM** to the full Legislature with the recommendation to do Pass as Introduced.

The Committee Voting Record is as follows:

TO PASS:	<u>12</u>
NOT TO PASS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTENTIONS:	<u>0</u>
INACTIVE FILE:	<u>0</u>

Copies of the Committee Report and all pertinent documents are attached for your information.

Sincerely,

  
CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ

Twenty-First Guam Legislature  
 Committee on Ways & Means  
**VOTING SHEET**

BILL NO.  
 539

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CLOSE UP INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM.

	TO PASS	NOT TO PASS	ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Carl T. C. GUTIERREZ Chairman	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Herminia D. DIERKING Vice-Chairman	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator John P. AGUON Member	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Elizabeth PARRIOLA Member	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator George BAMBA Member	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Anthony BLAZ Member	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Doris F. BROOKS Member	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Ernesto M. ESPALDON Member				
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Marilyn MANIBUSAN Member	✓ 12/27/91			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Don PARKINSON Member				
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Michael J. REIDY Member				
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Martha C. RUTH Member	✓ 1/31/91			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator David SHIMIZU Member	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Speaker Joe T. SAN AGUSTIN Ex-Officio Member	✓			



## COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

### COMMITTEE REPORT

ON

#### **BILL NO. 539: AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CLOSE UP INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM.**

The Committee on Ways & Means conducted a public hearing on Tuesday, November 26, 1991 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Legislative Public Hearing Room to gather testimony on Bill No. 539. Senator Carl T. C. Gutierrez, Chairman of the Committee conducted the hearing, being joined by Senators Herminia D. Dierking, Anthony C. Blaz, Elizabeth P. Arriola, Doris F. Brooks, David L.G. Shimizu, Ernesto M. Espaldon, and John P. Aguon.

#### **TESTIMONY**

Mr. Victor Iglesia, GCC Close-up Club, Miss Monica Salas, President, GCC Close-up Club, Miss Joanna Ninete, Former President, GCC Close-up Club, Miss Darlene Santos, Secretary, GCC Close-up Club, Miss June Pangelinan, Treasurer, GCC Close-up Club, Jundy Tropel, GCC Close-up Club all appeared before the Committee and testified in favor of Bill No. 539 with a small amendment.

Senator Gutierrez questioned the students on how the program works. Joanna Ninete who went last year gave the members of the committee an overview of her experience in Washington, D.C. with the Close-up Club. There are workshops and seminars that they attend and at the end of the each day, students from all over the state and countries get into small groups and talk about what they have experienced during the day. The students have interacted with other students from other states and countries.

Senator Gutierrez stated for the record that the coordinator would like to increase the contingent by ten (10) more students, to be allocated as follows: John F. Kennedy - 2; George Washington - 2; Simon Sanchez - 2; Guam Community College - 2; Oceanview - 1; and Inarajan - 1.

Senator Elizabeth P. Arriola thanked the students for testifying in favor of the Bill. Senator Arriola stated that she was visited by the officers of the Close-up program from Washington and was given very good results in terms of letters about the behavior and the input of our students. The students that Guam sends are very aggressive in the sense of being "the stars" in the classroom.

Mr. Franklin J. A. Quitugua, Acting Director, Department of Education submitted written testimony endorsing Bill No. 539. Acting Director Quitugua in his testimony stated that this experience greatly benefits the students as they are given an opportunity to see how our nation works up close. Their involvement in government affairs will be reinforced and nurtured through this experience which is a great building block for further participation in government affairs.

Mr. Art Mergist, Advisor, GCC Close-up Club, submitted written testimony supporting Bill No. 539. GCC Close-up Club has about 15 members who have been working since last year to raise funds for this year's trip. GCC has raised nearly \$7,000 so far. Members of the GCC Close-up Club not only conducts fundraising but are expected to support community service projects. In fact, selection for the trip is purely by a tally of contribution to academic work, fundraising and community service. The students with the highest total of points (usually one point per hour of work) will travel. The remaining students are encouraged to remain in the club and carry accumulated points over to the next year. No GCC student feels he or she is getting a "free trip". The students and their parents work hard for the privilege of this terrific trip. Also Guam is fortunate to be included in the International portion of Close-up which includes a 4-day field trip to New York City. It is a highly structured field trip involving the students not only in tours but regular guided workshops to stimulate discussion of current topics as well as historical perspectives.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee on Ways & Means recommends that **Bill No. 539 be passed as Substituted by the Twenty-First Guam Legislature.**



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Senator **HERMINIA D. DIERKING**

21st GUAM LEGISLATURE

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**Youth, Senior  
Citizens, and  
Cultural Affairs**

August 23, 1991

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairperson, Committee on Ways and Means  
FROM: Chairperson, Committee on Rules  
SUBJECT: Referral - Bill No. 539

The above Bill is referred to your Committee. Please note that the referral is subject to ratification by the Committee on Rules at its next meeting. It is recommended you schedule a public hearing at your earliest convenience.

**HERMINIA D. DIERKING**

Enclosure

TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE  
1991 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 553

Introduced by:

*E.P.C.*  
COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, SENIOR  
CITIZENS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

*Marty M. M...*

*60221*  
AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CLOSE  
UP INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Purpose.

3 Close Up Program offers opportunity for high school students and teachers to exper  
4 the working of government in other jurisdictions through a series of on-site visits with Washi  
5 officials, staff members and other students and teachers with similar interests from around the n  
6 The Close Up Program assists young people to understand more of their civic responsibilities i  
7 community.

8 Section 2. The sum of Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$80,200.00) is appropriated  
9 the General Fund to the Department of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of pe  
10 selected to participate at the Close Up International Program to be held from April 11 through Apr  
11 1992. Funding provided in this Section shall be allocated as follows:

- 12 (a) John F. Kennedy High School - 3  
13 (b) George Washington Senior High School - 3  
14 (c) Simon Sanchez High School - 2  
15 (d) Academy of Our Lady of Guam - 2  
16 (e) Notre Dame High School - 2  
17 (f) Father Duenas Memorial High School - 2

- 1 (g) Guam Community College - 2
- 2 (h) Oceanview High School - 2
- 3 (i) Inarajan High School - 2
- 4 (j) St. John High School - 1
- 5 (k) Guam Youth Congress - 5
- 6 (l) Teacher/Advisor - 1

7 **Section 3.** Any amount not used in Section 2 of this act shall be returned to the General Fund.

**TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE  
1991 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 539**

As Substituted by the Committee on Ways & Means

Introduced by:

Committee on Youth, Senior  
Citizens and Cultural Affairs

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN  
THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT DOLLARS  
(\$114,138) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE CLOSE UP  
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM.**

1           **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:**

2           **Section 1. Legislative Purpose.**       Close Up Program offers  
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4 working of government in other jurisdictions through a series of on-site  
5 visits with Washington officials, staff members and other students and  
6 teachers with similar interests from around the nation. The Close Up  
7 Program assists young people to understand more of their civic  
8 responsibilities in the community.

9           **Section 2. Appropriation.**       One Hundred Fourteen Thousand  
10 One Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$114,138) are appropriated from the  
11 General Fund to the Department of Education for the purpose of defraying  
12 the expenses of persons selected to participate at the Close Up  
13 International Program to be held from April 11 through April 25, 1992.  
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17	(c) Simon Sanchez High School	-	4
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2	(f) Father Duenas Memorial High School	-	2
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8	(l) Teacher/Advisor	-	2.

9           **Section 3.**           Any amount not used in Section 2 of this act shall  
10 be returned to the General Fund.



# OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Franklin J.A. Quitugua, Ph.D.  
Director of Education  
(Acting)

Conrad Stinson  
Deputy Director

November 26, 1991

Senator Carl T.C. Gutierrez  
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means  
Twenty-First Guam Legislature  
155 Hesler Street  
Agana, Guam 96910


Dear Senator Gutierrez:

We support passage of Bill 539, an act making an appropriation of \$80,200.00 for the Close Up International Program. This amount will be adequate to send 26 high school students, 5 Guam Youth Congress Members and 1 teacher-advisor to participate in the Close Up International Program to be held from April 11 through April 25, 1992.

We believe this experience greatly benefits our students as they are given an opportunity to see how our nation works up close. Their involvement in government affairs will be reinforced and nurtured through this experience - a great building block for further participation in government affairs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
FRANKLIN J.A. QUITUGUA, Ph.D.  
Director of Education, Acting



November 25, 1991

Dear Chairman Gutierrez:

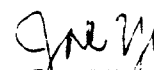
My name is Jae Yi and I am the Senior Class President for the John F. Kennedy High School. As a representative of my school, I am currently serving as the Vice-Speaker of the Seventeenth Guam Youth Congress; I formally served as the Chairperson of the Committee on Education of the 16 GYC. Thus, I hereby confirm my position on the Appropriations Bill for the Close-Up Program.

As a participant of the 1991 Close-Up Program, I have acquired a vast understanding of the government than any other conference that I have attended. I was able to see the United States Government in dept, as well as the vital issues facing the nation. I have gained first-hand experience of playing the role of a senator, and the duties and responsibilities that come along with such position. I had the opportunity to visit Congressman Ben Blaz at the Capitol and discuss with him, questions facing Guam as that of Commonwealth. In addition to the educational and excellent seminars and workshops, I realized the living conditions of the less fortunate and experienced the real world. Thus, I strongly feel that other students should be given a chance to enhance their knowledge about government and current issues that we, as tomorrow's leaders should address.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the Public Hearing. However, I do hope that with this letter, my testimony will well be heard. Attached is the budget breakdown of the Close-Up Program. The students of various schools are sponsoring fund-raisers, but we do need the assistance of the Government of Guam. As for Youth Congress, we are requesting for such sums to send five representatives and an advisor to both programs.

Thank you very much. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Jae Yi

BILL 539

I. Close Up Program

A. Cost

- 1. \$3001 per student
- 2. \$ 3051 per advisor

B. Breakdown

1. JFKHS	3	\$9003
2. GWHS	3	\$9003
3. SSHS	2	\$6002
4. AOLG	2	\$6002
5. ND	2	\$6002
6. FD	2	\$6002
7. IHS	2	\$6002
8. OHS	2	\$6002
9. GCC	2	\$6002
10. SJ	1	\$3001
11. GYC	5	\$15005
	1 Advisor	\$ 3051

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TOTAL:	20 <sup>5</sup> Students	\$78026 Students
	1 Advisor	3051

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TOTAL: \$81,077

TO: GUAM LEGISLATURE  
FROM: ART MERGIST, ADVISOR  
TO CLOSEUP CLUB

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 1991

GUAM'S PARTICIPATION IN CLOSEUP IS FUNDED FROM A NUMBER OF SOURCES -- THE PRIMARY BEING THE CLOSEUP FOUNDATION (STATESIDE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION). WHILE SCHOOLS IN THE STATES GET ONLY 60% FUNDING PER STUDENT, GUAM HAS BEEN GIVEN FUNDING FOR FULL SCHOLARSHIPS.

BECAUSE IT IS SUCH AN EXPENSIVE TRIP (\$3,000 PER STUDENT), SCHOOLS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE EFFORTS AT RAISING FUNDS TO SEND ADDITIONAL STUDENTS.

THE GCC CLOSEUP CLUB HAS ABOUT 15 MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING SINCE LAST YEAR TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THIS YEAR'S TRIP.

WE ATTEST TO THE DIFFICULTY IN RAISING \$3,000 PER STUDENT. MANY SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN EACH SCHOOL ARE CONSTANTLY RAISING FUNDS. IT IS NOT EASY!

STILL, WE ARE PROUD THAT WE HAVE RAISED NEARLY \$7,000 SO FAR.

THE LEGISLATURE NO DOUBT RECEIVES NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR FUNDING FOR OFF-ISLAND TRAVEL. WE HOPE YOU WILL SEE THE VALUE IN THE INTENSIVE STRUCTURED FIELD TRIP PLANNED FOR OUR STUDENTS TO GET A "CLOSEUP LOOK AT OUR NATION'S CAPITAL, REVIEW ITS HISTORY AND STUDY ITS POLITICAL STRUCTURE.

GUAM IS FORTUNATE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE INTERNATIONAL PORTION OF CLOSEUP WHICH INCLUDES A 4-DAY FIELD TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY. AGAIN, IT IS A HIGHLY STRUCTURED FIELD TRIP INVOLVING THE STUDENTS NOT ONLY IN TOURS BUT REGULAR GUIDED WORKSHOPS TO STIMULATE DISCUSSION OF CURRENT TOPICS AS WELL AS HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES.

WE HOPE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF GUAM CAN AT LEAST MATCH THE FUNDING GRANTED BY THE CLOSEUP FOUNDATION.

INCIDENTALLY, THE GCC CLOSEUP CLUB NOT ONLY CONDUCTS FUNDRAISING. MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS AS WELL. IN FACT, SELECTION FOR THE TRIP IS PURELY BY A TALLY OF CONTRIBUTION TO ACADEMIC WORK, FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. THE STUDENTS WITH THE HIGHEST TOTAL OF POINTS (USUALLY ONE POINT PER HOUR OF WORK) WILL TRAVEL. THE REMAINING STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REMAIN IN THE CLUB AND CARRY ACCUMULATED POINTS OVER TO THE NEXT YEAR.

NO GCC STUDENT FEELS HE OR SHE IS GETTING A "FREE" TRIP. OUR STUDENTS - AND THEIR PARENTS - WORK HARD FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF THIS TERRIFIC TRIP. YOUR SUPPORT WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY THE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS -- FOR WITHOUT YOUR HELP, OBVIOUSLY FEWER STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

THANK YOU,

*Art Muzio*

LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR CLOSE UP

NOVEMBER 26, 1991

DEAR SENATORS

MY NAME IS AUDREY MAFNAS AND I AM A MEMBER OF THE GCC CLOSEUP CLUB. I JOINED IT BECAUSE I HEARD OF ALL THE PLACES THAT MEMBERS GO TO WHERE THEY LEARN ABOUT THE FEDERAL GOV'T. AND MEET U.S. LEGISLATORS. IT IS ALL VERY EXCITING TO ME AND I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO GO ON THIS TRIP TO EXPERIENCE ACTUAL GOV'T. FUNCTIONS AND OPERATIONS.

WE ARE CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HAVING VARIOUS FUNDRAISERS TO RAISE MONEY TO PAY FOR ONE MORE TRIP. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THOUGH, THAT ONLY A FEW OF US CAN GO SO WE ARE KINDLY ASKING YOU TO PLEASE HELP US IN PAYING FOR A TRIP TO ALLOW ONE MORE PERSON TO GO. IT WOULD REALLY MEAN A LOT TO US IF WE COULD HAVE MORE PEOPLE ATTEND THIS TRIP.

SINCERELY



AUDREY MAFNAS

DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 1991

TO: THE GUAM LEGISLATURE

SUBJECT: APPROPRIATION OF MONEY FOR THE CLOSE-UP CLUB

THE CLOSE UP CLUB IS A CLUB THAT ORGANIZES FUND RAISINGS TO SEND STUDENTS ON THE CLOSE UP PROGRAM TRIP. WE JOINED THE CLUB ANTICIPATING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR GOVERNMENT AND TO SEE THE MANY HISTORIC SITES AND GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.

THE TRIP WAS AN EXPERIENCE THAT WE WILL NOT FORGET. WE MET DIFFERENT PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS AREAS OF THE WORLD, WE VIEWED SEVERAL ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS OF THE HISTORY OF OUR GOVERNMENT THAT ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OUR PEOPLE, AND VISITED THE SIGNIFICANT MONUMENTS AND BUILDINGS.

THE TRIP HAS GIVEN US A GREATER VIEW OF OUR GOVERNMENT ON HOW IT HAS EXCELLED TO THE PRESENT DAY. WE FEEL WE HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THE TRIP BECAUSE OUR INTEREST IN OUR GOVERNMENT HAS INCREASED.

MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR THE CLOSE-UP CLUB WILL BE OF GREAT APPRECIATION FOR THE STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE A FIRST HAND VIEW OF OUR CAPITAL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS LETTER.

GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLOSE-UP CLUB 1990-91,

*Joanna D. Ninete*  
JOANNA D. NINETE

ANTHONY YATAR

*Sherry Ann Camacho*  
SHERRY ANN CAMACHO

*Antonia Leon Guerrero*  
ANTONIA LEON GUERRERO

*Doris Marie Tydingco*  
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November 22, 1991

Senator Carl Gutierrez  
Chairman of the Committee  
on Ways and Means  
21st Guam Legislature

Dear Senator Gutierrez:

In the last few years the Close-Up Foundation has become an integral part of the educational program on Guam. From sending just a few students to this Washington based program in its inception, Close-Up now has strong club participation in each of the island's public and private high schools, with an average of twenty to thirty members per club. Additionally, Close-Up Citizen Bee and an international community based network has become an important part of the Guam Close-Up Program. However this fine program has acquired some additional financial burdens because of changes within the program.

The Pacific Rim program has also given many educational opportunities for Guam students to travel to the West Coast of the U.S. each year to study more regional issues. This year, Close-Up Washington has now replaced the Pacific Rim program with a new program called Pacific Crossroads, which will be tied more closely to the Washington trip. The student will spend one week in Washington and one week in Hawaii. While Pacific Crossroads seems to be a much more intergrated and relevant program and allows for ten students to travel from Guam, it does effect the priority of school representation as these ten scholarships allow for one student per school. Of course, because, of the larger student bodies and usually larger programs of the larger schools, along with the reduction of approximately 10 grants from Close-Up Washington, due to the federal budget crunch, the public high schools are losing 3-4 student representatives to Washington.

JFK High School has had between 25-30 very active members during the current school year. We have raised already almost \$6,000

dollars through carwashes, snack sales, Exxon promotionals, and Liberation Day drink sales. We have also participated in the local Intergenerational Program held at Government House at the end of September. This fundraising would allow us to take approximately two (2) more students to Washington at \$3000.00 per student. Added to the Washington grants and possibly the grants through Bill 539, by the generosity of the Guam Legislature, we still would be able to take a total of only 9-10 students - far short of our figured goal of 15 students. Therefore, we are asking the legislature to address this financial short fall. An additional \$30,000.00 would allow 10 more Guam students to attend this program and cover this urgent need.

We realize the genuine involvement that the Guam Legislature has with the education of the young people of our island. We would appreciate your careful discernment of the additional request for \$30,000.00

JFK Close-Up wants to thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter. We look forward with anticipation to your response.

Sincerely and  
Si Yuus Masse,

*Michael B. Shelton*

Michael B. Shelton  
JFK Close-Up Advisor

*John San Nicolas*  
John San Nicolas  
JFK Club President



21 November 1991

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Twenty-First  
Guam Legislature:


Subject: Appropriation of money to high schools

My name is Maridel R. Perez. I am currently an eleventh (11) grader at John F. Kennedy High School. Our Close-Up club is trying very hard to raise money to send some promising students to Washington, D.C. We, the members, have been informed by our advisor that our club is sending at least eight (8) or nine (9) members as of now. The number of participants has been lowered this school year. With this news, some students are somewhat disappointed, because it is very hard to compete against at least thirty-five (35) other members for a slot to go. I am sure that all of us members would like to be given this very eventful opportunity, while still in high school. It can help some students with their Government class next year. It can also help the other students with their studies, too. It also prepares us for the world we are about to enter in the very near future.

Given the opportunity to participate in this event held in Washington, D.C., we will be able to expand our knowledge of our nation and how our government works. Maybe someday, we might be the ones you will be working with.

I thank you for helping us send a few students on this upcoming trip, but I am also asking if you all could help us in sending a few more members. I am not sure of my status in the club, but maybe with your additional help, I can be given this opportunity of a lifetime. Hoping for your kind consideration, thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

  
Maridel R. Perez,  
Close-Up member

P.O. Box 8637  
Tamuning, Guam 96911  
November 22, 1991

Senator Carl T. Gutierrez  
Chairman of Ways and Means Committee.  
Twentieth Guam Legislature

Dear Sir:

I, Maryann Martinez, a Close-Up member of John F. Kennedy High School, would like to bring to your attention the decrease in scholarships by Close-Up Washington D.C. This comes as a disappointment to our group, for we found out that the limited number of students going to Washington D.C. this year has been cut by almost one half the number of last year.

The Guam chapter is kindly asking you to appropriate \$30,000 so that more students will have the opportunity to go on the trip. As a member, I feel that this program is very beneficial.

We will be most grateful for your help in this complication. Thank you for your time. An immediate response will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

  
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Maryann Martinez

Dear Carl Gutierrez:

As a Close-up member, I noted the chasm-like drop of scholarships donated to the John F. Kennedy High School Close-up club. Presently, because of this loss, only seven of our 40 earnest Close-up members are able to travel to America and learn a first hand experience of the American government. Because of this depletion, we are presently raising money to allow two more excellent members to travel to the United States.

We sincerely hope that our legislature of Guam is competent of donating a \$30,000 scholarship towards the schools with a vast population of students. This donation would truly benefit our island in helping the ambitious younger generation who are the future leaders of Guam.

Your appropriation of the scholarship would be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,  
William Chang

November 22, 1991

Senator Carl Gutierrez  
Chairman of the Committee  
on Ways and Means  
21st Guam Legislature

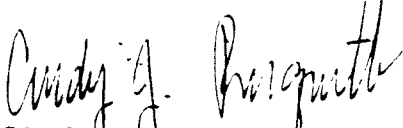
Dear Senator Gutierrez:

My name is Cindy Jones Ronquillo, currently a junior at John F. Kennedy High School.

I am a member of the Washington Close-Up Program. I joined in hopes to learn more about our government. For the last few months, I and other members of the club have been working hard to raise enough money to go to Washington. But since, our club works by point system, it only allows the first nine members to go. Being able to see our government at work would be an unforgettable experience for me and the other members.

Unfortunately, my club has some financial problems. We would greatly appreciate your overwhelming generosity to grant us thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to finance our trip to Washington. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Cindy Jones Ronquillo  
JFK Close-Up Member

November 22, 1991

Senator Carl Gutierrez  
Chairman of Ways and Means Committee  
20th Guam Legislature

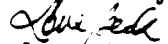
Dear Sir:

I am a member of John F. Kennedy High School's Close-Up program. It has come to my attention that the funding for the Close-Up program has been drastically cut. I wrote this letter to you in the hopes that you can help provide us with the funds we need.

Close-Up Guam will be receiving \$30,000 less this year than it usually receives. Therefore, ten less students will get the opportunity to benefit from the excellent learning experience Close-Up provides.

It is our fervent hope, Senator Gutierrez, that with your help, Close-Up Guam will receive the \$30,000 it needs, in addition to the funding that the 20th Guam Legislature already provides. By giving us this support, you will make it possible for more of Guam's youth to know more about our government.

Thank you very much for your time. Any assistance you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
  
Love Beck

Dear Senator Carl Gutierrez:

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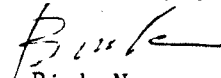
My name is Binh Nguyen. I am currently a junior at John F. Kennedy high school and a Close-up member.

Our club members are trying our hardest on fund raising to make more members to have the opportunity to go to the Washington D.C. trip. Our advisor, Mr. Shelton informed us that the number of participants to this trip has been decrease in this year, which mean only few members can go out of approximately twenty five (25) members. This news disappointed every one, even though we still willing to work hard on fund raising. But the amount of earning is only enough for one member. Therefore, i would like to ask if the GUAM TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE would help us on the financial problem.

As a junior, this trip will help us on our senior Government course, and also it will help us visualize more clearly how government work, which i am always curious on it. We greatly appreciate all your help.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

  
Binh Nguyen

To Senator Carl Gutierrez

As a future voter of Guam and as a member of Close Up (a nonprofit organization) here at John F. Kennedy, it has been brought to my attention that there has been a cutback on the necessary funding of this organization. This is hard to believe.

We have the future and it is our duty and responsibility to educate ourselves for our future on our island.

Why is there a lack of funding from the Guam's budget to educate the youth of Guam. Please, sir, can you find some way to appropriate the money needed for our and other organizations on the island, it will be received with open arms. Thank you for your time and for your attention.

Sincerely,

Melanie P. Torre  
MELANIE P. TORRE

Dear Senator Carl Gutierrez,

We are in need of your assistance. We require additional funding for the Close Up Organization's trip scheduled next year. Because of a budget cut, our original 15 student scholarships that were originally given to us were cut down to only 7 scholarships. We, the members of the JFK Close Up Club feel that you can help us send more hardworking students on this trip. I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Jonathan  
Jonathan Guerrero  
JFK CLOSE UP Member



Irene Vitkovitsy, 11th grade  
P.O.Box DP  
Agana, Guam 96910  
November 22, 1991

To: Senator Carl T. Gutierrez  
Chairman: Committee on Ways and Means  
Twenty-first Guam Legislature

Dear Senator Gutierrez,

I am a member of the John F. Kennedy High School Close-Up Organization. There are more than twenty five members this year, and we have been fundraising since early April for our planned trip to Washington, D.C. next spring. In the past, the Federal Government provided Close-Up Guam with grants enough for eight people, but this year they have reduced that amount by half in order to fund for the Pacific Rim Program related to Close-Up. So far, it seems that only eight people can actually go on the trip instead of the maximum thirteen. The high schools get an appropriation from the legislature yearly that is enough to pay for three members. And, we have only raised enough money to send one person. I come to you, sir, with a plea to use your influence in our favor. If the Legislature of Guam can appropriate \$30,000 towards the Close-Up programs in the public high schools, it would be enough to cover for the setback made by the Federal Government.

I look to you for assistance and ensure you that anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated. Your influence is highly respected and I hope you can use it in our favor.

Sincerely,

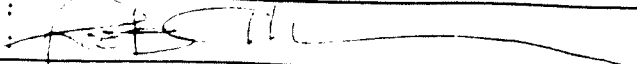

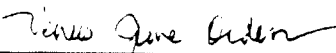

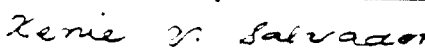
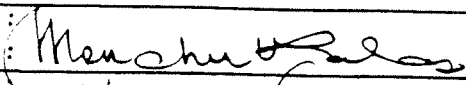
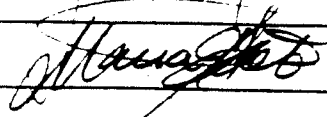

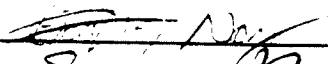

Irene Vitkovitsky, Secretary.  
Irene Vitkovitsky

CLOSE UP '92 PETITION (JFK CLUB)

We, the undersigned, are in favor of the 21st Guam Legislature's appropriation of additional funding for the CLOSE UP Organization for the purpose of travel. Through CLOSE UP, selected students travel to the United States' Capitol and other pertinent landmarks for the purposeful insights into how our government works.

NAME (PRINT)	SIGNATURE
1. Nathan Guerrerero	Nathan
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7. Lillian Chang	Lillian Chang
8. Audrey Ng	Audrey Ng
9. Cindy S. Bonquillo	Cindy S. Bonquillo
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13. JACK HATTIG JR.	Jack Hattig Jr.
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15. Jennifer Pinheiro	Jennifer Pinheiro
16. Michelle CRUZ	Michelle Cruz
17. John J. San Nicolas	John San Nicolas
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19. Ryuji Masuda	Ryuji Masuda
20. Pamela Monzon	Pamela Monzon

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26. CHRIS IWASHITA	Chris Iwashita
27. JONATHAN ALCANTARA	Jonathan Alcantara
28. CHRISTOPHER VALANCIA	Chris
29. TANISHA MELVIN	Tanisha Melvin
30. IESHA GREEN	Iesha Green
31. PEDRO	Pedro
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33. EILEEN CRUZ	Eileen Cruz
34. CHERYLLE CATALAN	Cherylle Catalan
35. RHODA FUENTES	Rhoda Fuentes
36. KATHY MARTINEZ	Kathy Martinez
37. JASON SAPALARAN	Jason Sapalaran
38. ELOISE LEON GUERRERO	Eloise Guerrero
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40. LISA E BRENNAN	Lisa E. Brennan
41. LOVE BECK	Love Beck
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45. PEPPY WANG	Peppy Wang
46. BASILIO FORRES	Basilio Forres

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Introduced by:

*E.P.K.*  
COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, SENIOR  
CITIZENS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

**AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CLOSE  
UP INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Purpose.**

3 Close Up Program offers opportunity for high school students and teachers to experience  
4 the working of government in other jurisdictions through a series of on-site visits with Washington  
5 officials, staff members and other students and teachers with similar interests from around the nation.  
6 The Close Up Program assists young people to understand more of their civic responsibilities in the  
7 community.

8 **Section 2.** The sum of Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$80,200.00) is appropriated from  
9 the General Fund to the Department of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of persons  
10 selected to participate at the Close Up International Program to be held from April 11 through April 25,  
11 1992. Funding provided in this Section shall be allocated as follows:

12 (a) John F. Kennedy High School - 3

13 (b) George Washington Senior High School - 3

14 (c) Simon Sanchez High School - 2

15 (d) Academy of Our Lady of Guam - 2

16 (e) Notre Dame High School - 2

17 (f) Father Duenas Memorial High School - 2

- 1 (g) Guam Community College - 2
- 2 (h) Oceanview High School - 2
- 3 (i) Inarajan High School - 2
- 4 (j) St. John High School - 1
- 5 (k) Guam Youth Congress - 5
- 6 (l) Teacher/Advisor - 1

7 **Section 3.** Any amount not used in Section 2 of this act shall be returned to the General Fund.