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Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D Speaker I Mina Bente Nuebe Na Liheslaturan Guahan 155 Hessler Street Hagatna Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

I am returning herewith Bill No.377 (EC), AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE *I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN* TO PLEDGE COMPACT IMPACT FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF A NEW LANDFILL," which I have vetoed.

The authorization to use Compact Impact funds is misplaced and conflicts with federal law. United States Public Law 108-188 requires the Governor of Guam to submit his request to use Compact Impact funds to the Department of Interior for approval.

Guam currently receives Fourteen Million Dollars in Compact Impact funds. The Department of Interior has approved Seven Million Dollars for the Guam School Leaseback Program. The balance of the proceeds for fiscal year 2009 has also been approved for various health and safety services including the implementation of services required by the federal permanent injunction.

The Department of Interior has already approved the use of Compact Impact funds and therefore Bill No. 377 cannot abrogate their authority. As such, I have vetoed the measure.

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

FELIX P. CAMACHO

I Maga'låhen Guåhan Governor of Guam

cc: All Senators

Attachment

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 377 (EC), "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE *I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN* TO PLEDGE COMPACT IMPACT FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF A NEW LANDFILL," was on the 21st day of November, 2008, duly and regularly passed.

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Attested: Tina Rose Muña Barnes Senator and Secretary of the Legislature	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D. Speaker	
This Act was received by <i>I Maga'lahen Guåhan</i> thiso'clockOM.	Assistant Staff Officer	
APPROVED: FILIX F CAMACHO I Maga Linen Guåhan Date:	Maga'lahi's Office	
Public Law No		

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÂHAN . 2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 377 (EC)

As amended.

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AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE *I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN* TO PLEDGE COMPACT IMPACT FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF A NEW LANDFILL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
that pursuant to an Order of the District Court to finance the construction of a new
landfill, *I Maga'lahi* has announced plans to delay payment of the prior year's tax
refunds, including the EITC and the COLA award to retirees until the new landfill
is constructed. It is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to prevent any further delay in
payment of the long overdue COLA award to retirees by providing a source of

- 1 funding for the landfill, which would not encumber general fund revenues already
- 2 prioritized for payment of these other obligations of equal or greater priority.
- 3 Section 2. Authorization for Pledge of Compact Impact Funds for
- 4 Construction of Landfill. Notwithstanding any provision of law, I Liheslaturan
- 5 Guåhan hereby authorizes the pledge of all remaining unencumbered or unpledged
- 6 current or future Compact Impact funds for the costs of construction and financing
- 7 of a new landfill.
- 8 Section 3. Severability. If any of the provisions of this Act or the
- 9 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity
- shall not affect any other provision or application of this Act which can be given
- effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of
- 12 this Act are severable.