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Honorable Benjamin J. F. Cruz
Speaker
34th Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Place
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Dear Speaker Cruz:

Public Law 33-220 also known as the "*Joaquin (KC) Concepcion II Compassionate Cannabis Use Act of 2013"*, which became effective on *December 17, 2016*. The purpose of the Act is to allow the beneficial use of medical marijuana in a regulated system for alleviating symptoms caused by debilitating medical conditions and their medical treatment.

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) has been given the task of overseeing the Medical Marijuana Program. In accordance to §122506, a Medical Cannabis Regulation Commission be formed, consisting of 11 members and shall serve for a term of four years and a quorum shall consist of six members.

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The members are composed of:
(1) the Director of DPHSS or designee
(2) the Chairperson of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners or designee
(3) the Director of the Department of Agriculture or designee
(4) the Administrator of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency or designee
(5) the Chairperson of the Legislative Committee on Health and Human Services or designee
(6) a member of the Public-at-Large appointed by *I Maga'lahi* (the Governor)
(7) a member of the Public-at-Large appointed by *I Liheslatura* (the Legislature)
(8) a qualified patient, caregiver, or patient advocate who shall be appointed by the Commission
(9) a licensed possessor who shall be appointed by the Commission
(10) the remaining two members appointed by the Commission shall be practitioners representing the field of oncology, neurology, psychiatry, or pain management.

The duties of the Commission shall include the following:
(1) To review and recommend to DPHSS for approval additional debilitating medical conditions that would benefit from the medical use of cannabis;
(2) Accept and review petitions to add medical conditions, medical treatments or diseases to the list of debilitating medical conditions that qualify for the medical use of cannabis;

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(3) Convene at least twice per year to conduct public hearings and to evaluate petitions, to add medical conditions, medical treatments or diseases to the list of debilitating medical conditions that qualify for the medical use of cannabis;
(4) Recommend quantities of cannabis that are necessary to constitute an allowable amount for qualified patients and primary caregivers;
(5) Advise DPHSS on the development of standards and regulations pursuant to the law, including best practices and guidelines to ensure qualified patients have adequate access to medical cannabis and medical cannabis products;
(6) Submit policy recommendations to the legislative Committee on Health and Human Services;

Please submit the name of the person and their contact address and telephone number, whom the 34th Guam Legislature will be appointing to Ms. Frances Santos at frances.santos@dphss.guam.gov. She will then contact him or her to provide more information. She is also the point of contact for any questions you may have. Thank you for your cooperation.

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