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To: All Honorable Senators of *I Mina'Trentai Kuåtro na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
From: Senator Régine Biscoe Lee

Sen. Régine Biscoe Lee attended the National Conference of State Legislatures' Legislative Summit 2017 held from Aug. 6 – 9 in Boston and came away with the following resources, ideas and messages to share with Guam's legislators. For more information on these sessions, please feel free to contact Senator Lee at 472-3455 or senatorbiscoelee@guamlegislature.org.

Key sessions attended

"Legislative Effectiveness Committee Business Meeting"

Takeaway: Term-limited and part-time legislators in the session shared some of the outcomes that have resulted since their legislatures adopted term limits or a part-time model. Struggles include a lack of time for legislators to gain experience, learn the processes and learn from mistakes, which would have resulted in improved bills. Another struggle they face is time constraints on learning about issues in order to be a more effective voice.

Takeaway: Local universities in some states sponsor a leadership retreat for the state's legislators before the start of term. The retreats include briefs on ethics and communication as well as team-building activities. The retreat results in legislators being able to roll into their first session knowing each other and having agreed to work with each other on certain issues.

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"Newly Elected Legislator Professional Development Preconference"

Resource: The "Facebook Guide for State Legislators," including sections on setting up and securing your Facebook page; engaging your audience through live broadcasts, hosting Facebook Q&As and tagging and engaging with other public figures; managing your Facebook presence on the go; and advertising on Facebook: http://www.ncsl.org/Portals/1/Documents/press/FB_NCSL_Guide_July2017.pdf

Resource: "15 Tips to Be the Best Legislator You Can Be," including knowing where to get help, developing a specialty, keeping your word and more: http://www.ncsl.org/research/about-state-legislatures/15-tips-for-being-an-effective-legislator.aspx

"Voters' Opinions: Where Do We Stand?"

Speaker: Frank Luntz, Luntz Global

Takeaway: Although there is deep public distrust of Congress and the president, those ratings improve significantly when you look at local state governments. The population is becoming much more in tune with what's going on and is finding local leaders have a better understanding and closer proximity to the issues that affect voters. Luntz's message to legislators was to stay focused and continue to do good work as state-level government is gaining strength through the community's interest, support and involvement.

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"Military and Veterans Affairs Economic Outlook, Opportunities and Impacts"

Takeaway: Military veterans are a valuable segment of the population that can be better assisted and supported in their business endeavors, thereby enhancing the local economy. Ways to increase veterans' business opportunities include small grant programs and resources available at the local Veterans Business Outreach Center.

Takeaway: Military spouses bring valuable and needed skillsets and credentials to the community, and more can be done to capitalize on this.

Resource: Association of Defense Communities (DefenseCommunities.org) – An association dedicated to building communities that support America's military. It is "the connection point for leaders from communities, states, the military and industry on community-military issues."

"Labor and Economic Development Committee: Ensuring States are Globally Competitive, State Success Stories and Innovative Opportunities"

Focus: This session covered what policies can boost or hinder a state's global economic competitiveness, what steps legislators have taken to grow their states' economies and competitiveness, how to best prepare states or territories for direct investment and how to spur open investment through financial, real estate and other incentives.

Takeaway: The arts, unlike most industries, leverage significant amounts of event-related spending by their audiences, which is valuable income for restaurants, parking garages, hotels and retail stores. The typical arts attendee spends $31.47 per person, per event beyond the cost of admission. Nationally, total event-related spending in 2015 was an estimated $102 billion.

Selection of exhibitors

Keep America Beautiful - *www.kab.org*
Provides the expertise, programs and resources to prevent littering, increase recycling and protect natural beauty.

NAF - *www.naf.org*
Brings education, business and community leaders together to transform the high school experience and build a skilled and diverse talent pipeline ready to fill the jobs of tomorrow.

USA 4 Military Families / Department of Defense State Liaison - *www.use4militaryfamilies.dod.mil*
An initiative of the U.S. Department of Defense that acquaints policymakers with the unique issues that impact service members and their families as those issues may intersect state policy.

Prevent Opioid Abuse - *www.preventopioidabuse.org*
Helps lawmakers address the opioid abuse epidemic by bringing legislation requiring prescribers to discuss with patients the addictive potential of opioid-based drugs.

National Safety Council - *www.nsc.org*
A nonprofit organization working to eliminate preventable deaths.

Next summit

NCSL Capitol Forum
Dec. 10 – 13, 2017
Hotel Del Coronado in Coronado, CA

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TO: **All Senators**

FROM: **Senator Régine Biscoe Lee**
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SUBJECT: **34th GL Messages and Communications**

Below is a list and attachments of Messages and Communications received pursuant to Rule III, of *I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* Standing Rules. These documents are available as well on our legislative website: www.guamlegislature.org

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Clerk's office at 472-3465/74.

Via Email

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