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Please see attached letter from the Honorable Katherine A. Maraman, Chief Justice, in reference to the Status of Electronic Monitoring Program.

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PRESIDING JUDGE

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January 08, 2018

Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Speaker
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Re: Status of Electronic Monitoring Program

Dear Mr. Speaker:

This letter is to advise you that due to a lack of cash disbursements to the Judiciary, we must delay the implementation of the Electronic Monitoring Program for Guam's pretrial and criminal offender population as mandated by Public Law 34-42.

To date, the Judiciary has received about $6,116, 008.10 or less than 66% of the planned allotments to fund our Branch operations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. We have discussed this issue at length with Administration officials over the past two months to include the $551,996 appropriated to execute this program. Our cash position in the second quarter of this fiscal year restricts us from issuing an RFP for necessary equipment and services for electronic monitoring because the AOC cannot certify availability of funds.

I report to you that we have been working diligently since the start of FY 2018 to finalize an electronic monitoring policy, standard operating procedures and draft procurement documents in anticipation of the receipt of the funds for this program.

As this New Year begins, our caseload continues to grow in our trial and appellate courts. Each judicial officer and our management are prioritizing activities to protect the due process rights of accused persons. However, we are unable to initiate new locally funded programs at this time.

Sincerely,

Katherine A. Maraman

KATHERINE A. MARAMAN
Chief Justice

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