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The Honorable Tina Muña Barnes
Speaker
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Hafa Adai Speaker Barnes,

I am writing this letter to seek your support and opinion on **GYC BILL 25-32 "THE GUAM YOUTH CONGRESS REFORM ACT OF 2019**. The Guam Youth Congress is going to take up a reform bill which I authored and as the Speaker of the Guam Legislature I believe it is vital to have your support and would like to personally hear your opinion either in writing or directly addressed to the Youth Congress so that you can express your support or concern in person to all members of the Youth Congress.

The Guam Youth Congress Reform Act has major changes to the enacting statue of the Guam Youth Congress, which were authored by then Senator Carl Gutierrez.

(1) To refer bill passed by the Youth Congress to the Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens to allow our Youth Oversight Chair, Senator Amanda Shelton to review and introduce bills on our behalf
(2) Removal of middle school seats and writing in language that allows for charter school representation
(3) Allow for Vacancies in school and villages to be filled by Special Election, and if the vacancy occurs with less than a year to the next election, by appointment by the proper official; and lastly

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25-32	D'Marco Thomas Quinene	GUAM YOUTH CONGRESS REFORM ACT OF 2019 - AN ACT TO *AMEND* §7102, §7103, §7105, AND §7110, RELATIVE TO REFORMING THE GUAM YOUTH CONGRESS	**07/25/19**	**07/27/19**	COMMITTEE ON RULES		

I MINA' TRENTAI DOS NA KONGRESSUN MANHOBEN GUÅHAN
2019 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 25-32

Introduced by: D'Marco Thomas Quinene

GUAM YOUTH CONGRESS REFORM ACT OF 2019 - AN ACT TO *AMEND* §7102, §7103, §7105, AND §7110, RELATIVE TO REFORMING THE GUAM YOUTH CONGRESS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE YOUTH OF GUAM:

Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the "Guam Youth Congress Reform Act of 2019"

Section 2. Legislative Findings and Intent. The Guam Youth Congress remains the only Youth organization on island established by Public Law to teach civic and legislative norms to the youth of Guam. We as the youth as find inconsistencies and vague language when interpreting the law surrounding the Guam Youth Congress which has led us to reform and amend the current law to better serve our Guam Youth Congress Representatives and to enable them to do more for the youth here on island.

Section 3. §7102 of Chapter 7, Title 2, Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

"**§7102. Functions.**

The Youth Congress shall act as a legislative body with the power to make its own rules, establish committees, hold hearings, pass resolutions and to prepare and pass bills, which will be forwarded to the ~~Rules Committee of the Guam Legislature~~ Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens, and any subsequent Committee in the Guam Legislature that has oversight over the Youth Congress for action as with a legislative bill. Bill introduced from the Youth Congress shall be introduced to the Guam Legislature in the following style:

"Introduced by the Committee of Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens (or any subsequent committee of the Guam Legislature that has Oversight of the Guam Youth Congress) By Request of the Youth Congress, in accordance with 2 GCA §7102.

Section 4. §7103 of Chapter 7, Title 2, Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

"**§7103. Membership.**

The Congress shall be composed of not to exceed fifty-one (51) members, to be known as Representatives, to be elected from the areas listed below:

1. Village Representation
    a. One (1) representative from each organized village with a population below 5,000

b. Two (2) representatives from each village with a population between 5,000 and 10,000

c. Three (3) representatives from each village over 10,000 population

2. School Representation

~~a. One (1) representative from each private and public junior high school~~

a. One (1) representative from ~~each private and public senior high school~~ private, public, or charter school with a student body below 1,000

b. Two (2) representatives from ~~each private and public high school~~ private, public, or charter school with a student body above 1,000

c. Three (3) representatives from the University of Guam

d. Three (3) post-secondary representatives from the Guam Community College

Section 5. §7105 of Chapter 7, Title 2 Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

§7105. Vacancies.

In case of a vacancy occurring one (1) year prior to the next general election because a member can no longer qualify to represent the entity from which the member is elected, the school principal of the private, public, or charter ~~junior or~~

senior high schools ~~or~~ ,the President of the University of Guam, or the President of the Guam Community College at which the student member attends, or the municipal mayor of the municipality in which the member resides, shall call for a special election ~~to be held on the third Monday in October preceding the next general election for Youth Congress~~ at their earliest convenience to fill the seat left vacant. In the case of a vacancy within a year prior to the next general election, the school principal, President of the University of Guam, or President of the Guam Community College at which the student member attends, or the municipal mayor of the municipality of which the member resides may appoint a person within the criteria set in §7104 of Chapter 7, Title 2, Guam Code Annotated.

_____**Section 6.** §7110 of Chapter 7, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

§7110. Compensation.

Representatives of Congress shall be compensated at the rate of ~~Twenty-Five Dollars ($25)~~ Fifty Dollars ($50) for each regularly monthly or special session they attend.

Section 7. Effective Date. The provisions of this Act *shall* become effective upon enactment.