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The Honorable Senator Régine Biscoe Lee
Chairperson
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Re: **Travel Report for September 2019**

Håfa adai Chairwoman Biscoe Lee,

I am submitting my travel report for September 2019. Please see below my travel schedule and attached report.

Please be advised of the following information:

Dates Traveled:	**September 23, 2019 ~ September 27, 2019**
Location:	**Washington, D.C.**
Purpose of Travel:	**Meeting with White House Officials from the Trump Administration and various U.S. Government Agencies**
Source of Funds:	**35th Guam Legislature**
	Office of Senator Telo T. Taitague
Cost of Travel:	**$3,409.45**

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at 989-8356.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Senseramente,

TELO T. TAITAGUE
Senator

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Washington, D.C. Meetings

Date: September 23, 2019
Agency: Coastal States Organization
Meeting with: Executive Director Bradley Watson

Discussion:

- Partnership between Guam, the CNMI and CSO to develop a mobile app that provides real-time data to safely operate in our waters
- Marine-focused funding
- Safe management of used oil
- Submarine cables/telecom activities and efficient land-use review process directly impact our marine environment.

Date: September 24, 2019
Agency: Office of CNMI Delegate Gregorio Sablan
Meeting with: CNMI Delegate Gregorio Sablan 'Kilili'

Discussion:

- Support for H.R. 1365
- Veterans Hospital in the Marianas
- Online registry for Guam and CNMI veterans

Date: September 24, 2019
Agency: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Meeting with: Deputy Secretary, James M. Bryne – Assistant Secretary, James E. Hutton – Executive Director, Thayer L. Verschoor – Paralegal Specialist/Executive Assistant, Daniel Kennedy

Discussion:

- Guam will be included in a department wide electronic files/information system upgrade
- Veterans Hospital on Guam to service the Marianas and other populations within Micronesia
- Online Marianas Veterans Registry
- Homelessness and suicide among veterans

Date: September 24, 2019
Agency: U.S. Department of Defense
Meeting with: Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Lucian Niemeyer

Discussion:

- Programmatic agreement
- Four pillars and the net negative provision in particular.
- Petitioned to prevent loss of jobs and training programs on Guam
- To assist with the easing of restrictions on H2B workers into Guam

Date: September 25, 2019
Agency: U.S. Department of the Interior
Meeting with: Secretary, David L. Bernhardt – Assistant Secretary, Doug Domenech for Insular and Int'l Affairs within the U.S. Department of Interior

Discussion:

- Unpaid war claims
- Decolonization
- Interisland travel and shipping cost reduction
- Food security through sustainable Agri-Commerce

Date: September 25, 2019
Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Meeting with: Eric D. Hargan

Discussion:

- Medicaid funding
- Building a new Guam Memorial Hospital Authority
- Possibility of a regional pharmaceutical distribution center

Date: September 25, 2019
Agency: White House Office of the Trump Administration
Meeting with: Deputy Assistant to the President, Douglas Hoelscher – Special Assistant to the President, Alexander Latcham – Associate Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, James Akin

Discussion:

- Support of H.R. 1365
- Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver
- Supporting Guam's application for recognition as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking areas, thereby qualifying Guam for additional federal funding and technical support to combat narcotics
- Preserving jobs and training opportunities associated with defense readiness
- Easing of restrictions on H2B workers into Guam

Date: September 26, 2019
Agency: Office of Congressman Michael F.Q. San Nicolas
Meeting with: Congressman Michael F.Q. San Nicolas

Discussion:

- H.R. 1365

Date: September 26, 2019
Agency: Office of U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski from Alaska
Meeting with: Chief of Staff, Michael Pawlowski

Discussion:

- Support of H.R. 1365
- Extension of Medicaid funding for Guam
- Guam Buildup
- Compact of Free Association (COFA) agreements between the U.S. and Pacific island nations.

Date: September 26, 2019
Agency: Office of U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham from South Carolina
Meeting with: Chief Investigative Counsel, Zachary N. Somers – Investigative Counsel, Elliott Walden

Discussion:

- Support of H.R. 1365
- Extension of Medicaid funding for Guam
- Guam Buildup
- Compact of Free Association (COFA) agreements between the U.S. and Pacific island nations.

Date: September 26, 2019
Agency: United States Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Meeting with: Special Counsel, Isaac Edwards

Discussion:

- Support of H.R. 1365
- Extension of Medicaid funding for Guam
- Guam Buildup
- Compact of Free Association (COFA) agreements between the U.S. and Pacific island nations.