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Honorable
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To: Honorable Senators, 35th Guam Legislature
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

From: Dale E. Alvarez, Mayor

Subject: Bill No. 238-35 (COR)

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Hafa Adai Senators,

For years I have been met with broken promises and challenges from past administrations only to find myself pleading once more to identify funding to make the necessary road repairs in the municipality of Santa Rita, specifically Route 17 (Cross Island Road), Route 5 (Pedro L.G. Roberto Drive), Route 12 (Chalan Obispo Olano) and Sumay Memorial Drive.

Potholes are a common nuisance on our roadways. They make the street rundown and unsightly, but more importantly, they pose a threat to the safety of anyone who travel on these roadways. For years my staff have repeatedly filled the crater-sized potholes with cold mix provided by the Department of Public Works, only to be met with additional potholes in the days to follow.

Residents have reported damages to their tires, suspension and shocks, and have expressed their concern over safety because drivers are swerving in an attempt to avoid these potholes. Can you imagine a bus loaded with our precious children swerving in and out of their lane to avoid these potholes? It's a frightening thought, but it has and continues to happen.

These are highly traveled roads by drivers from throughout the island. Routes 5 and 17 provide access to two military installation, and multiple public and private schools in Santa Rita and Agat. When Route 1 is deemed impassable due to flooding, construction work, or because of an accident, traffic thereafter is rerouted to routes 5 and 17.

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Route 12, which is the main roadway in and out of the village proper, and Sumay Memorial Drive have the potential to collapse given their current condition. Both roadways are severely uneven with deep dips and erosion eating away at the sides. These two roadways provide access to J.P. Torres Success Academy, Southern High School and Harry S. Truman Elementary School.

Please, let us not wait for a tragedy to occur due to the dangerous conditions of these roads. These roads deserve the much needed attention for repair, and not just band aid fixes. *Please, let us work together to get this done for all of the people of Guam. We all deserve to feel safe on our roads.*

I am in full support of Bill No. 238-35 (COR), an act to appropriate two million dollars ($2,000,000) from the unappropriated General Fund Balance, as of the end of fiscal year 2019, to the Department of Public Works for village streets and roads resurfacing and repairs. This bill, introduced by Senators Telo Taitague, Clynton Ridgell, James Moylan and Louise Muna, is vital for the safety of our people.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Dale E. Alvarez
Mayor, Santa Rita

Cc: Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero