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Honorable Tina Muña Barnes
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RE: Bill 71-35

Dear Speaker Muña Barnes,

Hafa Adai! We appreciate your time to discuss the importance of Bill 71-35.

The intent of Bill 71-35 is to modernize existing law, preserve and protect roadways, and stabilize the cost of imported goods, especially food items, distributed throughout Guam.

If Bill 71-35 is not passed, and the current law is fully implemented - the cost of transporting and distributing food and other products will increase. Distributors will not be able to continue to absorb the increases and will be forced to push that increase to retailers who will increase prices to the Guam consumer. Also, higher costs could potentially have a negative affect on the cost of workforce which could lead to reductions.

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Guam is our home, and it is for this reason we had all absorbed the increases imposed on us. While we remain committed to being stewards of our community, the costs of goods have also increased. As local businesses, we have done all we could to not pass these increases to our consumers, at this time. We turn to our policy-makers to join our effort in ensuring that we continue to take care of our community.

We appreciate your support of Bill 71-35.

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