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RE: Emergency Session- March 16, 2020
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Office of Senator Moylan Guam Legislature <officeofsenatormoylan@guamlegislature.org> Mon, Mar 16, 2020 at 9:58 AM
To: Speaker Tina Muna Barnes <speaker@guamlegislature.org>

Hafa Adai,

Please see letter from Senator Moylan to Speaker Muna-Barnes regarding today's Emergency Session in body and attachment.

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While I don't have a position on Bill 313-35 at this point, I have some questions on the measure. What I would recommend however, is that instead of convening the session at 2pm today, that instead we wait a couple of days to await the outcome of a federal measure which provides funding to assist those individuals who are displaced due the adverse economic impacts of the Coronavirus outbreak. Guam should be included in this Act. Instead of moving hastily into passing local legislation using local funds, we may be able to assist more affected families through a federal mandate.

However, if the session shall resume, in the theme of addressing issues that are critical at this time, I would like to advise that I will be compelled to make a similar request on the following two measures:

- **Bill 311-35:** Which proposes to temporarily reduce the Business Privilege Tax from 5% to 4%, as this measure would provide small business some relief during this economic turbulence. With most public sector agencies now closed, and with self-quarantine being promoted, the business climate for small businesses will be moving from bad to worse, and thus this measure would provide some relief which could help minimize the very impacts being outlined in *Bill 313-35*.

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Neither legislation has had a public hearing, yet both are critical at this time. I hope I can get the support of the body in attempting to get these measures onto the agenda.

I appreciate your assistance and leadership during this period, and look forward to working with you and our colleagues on prioritizing the safety and well-being of our community. History has shown that leadership is best displayed during periods of a crisis, and right now our island is in a unique crisis which it has never experienced before. I am optimistic that this body will prevail. Thank you.

Respectfully,
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CC: All Senators

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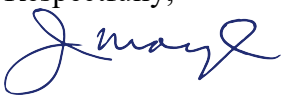
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