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Dear Senator Terlaje:

My veto of Bill 282-35 and submission of Bill 1(3-S) in its place was done for one purpose only—to save lives.

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You will note that of the $7 million revenue adjustment contained in my budget proposal, the lion's share is committed to Medicaid, a program whose sole function is to provide healthcare to the poor. Bill 1(3-S) will give additional funding to the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) so these dedicated public servants can continue their tireless work to identify and isolate COVID-positive cases, prevent further spread of the virus, treat other illnesses, and protect the health and safety of our island. Bill 1(3-S) will give Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) additional revenues from Medicaid. Bill 1(3-S) also acknowledges the importance of the Judiciary as a separate but co-equal branch of government. Unfortunately, instead of joining in this well intentioned effort, some politicians have chosen to grandstand.

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Senseramente,
LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

cc: Speaker Tina Muna Barnes
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