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37GL-24-2481	Office of the Speaker - Senator Therese M. Terlaje	Public Comment Guam Flight Test - Mika Paulino Public Comment on Guam Flight Test from Mika Paulino*
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Beatrice Cruz
Committee on Rules Assistant
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Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <speaker@guamlegislature.org> Wed, Aug 7, 2024 at 8:14 PM
To: 37th Committee On Rules <committeeonrules@guamlegislature.org>, Legislative Secretary Amanda Shelton <officeofsenatorshelton@guamlegislature.org>

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37GL-24-2482	Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje	Public Comment Guam Flight Test - Harmony Yatar

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Hello,

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