September 30, 2011

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
17th FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei State, FM 96941

Dear Speaker Figir:

I am pleased to inform you that I have designated the following Congressional Act as Public Law No. 17-18:

Congressional Act No. 17-17, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-62, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-71 AND 17-05, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 5 AND 6 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF POHNPEI AND CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

I support public projects and social programs in general for they play an important role in many aspects of community development. In my view, the proposed changes in the bill are legitimate and valid as the new projects are as important as the changed ones and well within the parameters of community projects and programs.

My grave concern of the bill is the amendment proposed under Section 5(1) (e). That particular amendment essentially redirected funds previously appropriated for contribution to social security premium payment and financial assistance to student attending Pacific Island University in Guam for traveling of state, municipal and traditional leaders. It is alarming that priority is given to travel for leaders in the expense of financial assistance to students. Use of public project funds for traveling reflects substandard consideration and must not be tolerated at any cost. We must work together to eliminate travel funding if it has no bearing or nexus with any public projects or social programs.

I therefore urge Congress to give due consideration and if not now do away with the use of public projects funding for traveling in the future. It is imperative that we combine efforts to ascertain proper use of public funds.

Sincerely,

Manny Mori
President

Enclosures:

Xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
    Acting Secretary, Department of Justice
    Acting Director, SBOC
    Legislative Counsel, CFSM
    Library, CFSM
    FSM PIO
September 20, 2011

His Excellency Manny Mori  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear President Mori:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 17-17, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-62, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-71 AND 17-05, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 5 AND 6 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF POHNPEI AND CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2011, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

Liwiana Ramon Toanis  
Chief Clerk, Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

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An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-62, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-71 AND 17-05, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 5 AND 6 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF Pohnpei and Chuuk, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: BERNEY MARTIN
DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
WITHDRAWN – SEPTEMBER 13, 2011
FIRST READING: SEPTEMBER 13, 2011
SECOND READING: SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
We hereby certify that on September 19 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2011, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Isaac V. Figif  
Speaker  
Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk  
Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia
SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2011
CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 17-43

PUBLIC LAW No. 17-18

AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 16-62, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 16-71 and 17-05, by amending sections 4, 5 and 6 thereof, to change the use and allottee of certain funds previously appropriated therein to fund public projects and social programs in the States of Pohnpei and Chuuk, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

Section 1. Section 4 of Public Law No. 16-62, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 16-71 and 17-05, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 4. Of the sum of $1,050,000 appropriated by this act, $300,000 is apportioned for Pohnpei State for public projects and social programs.

State of Pohnpei ......................... $ 300,000

(1) Pohnpei at Large ...................... 75,000

(a) Soledi road construction ....... 30,000

(b) Food relief ......................... 7,000

(c) Pohnpei road improvement/repair 30,000

(d) MS. Caroline Voyager ............ 5,000

(e) Ohwa School Food subsidy ........ 3,000

(2) Election District No. 1 ............. 75,000

(a) Road construction/improvement 65,000

(b) Educational staff support services and school materials ......... 7,000

(c) Poultry project subsidy to assist in purchase of feed and veterinary
and vaccination costs ......................... $3,000
(3) Election District No. 2 ................. 75,000
  (a) Pohnpei PIBA Chapter .................. 10,000
  (b) Contractual Services for teacher aide at Salapwuk elementary school .......... 6,000
  (c) Contractual Service for a cook at Nanpei Memorial High School (NMHS) ...... 6,000
  (d) Election District No. 2 participation in Guam softball tournament ... 20,000
  (e) Election District No. 2 operation 5,000
  (f) Civic Centers ......................... 10,000
  (g) Pehleng fish market .................. 4,000
  (h) Students financial assistance ... 4,000
  (i) Water system upgrade at Madolenihmw High School .................. 4,000
  (j) Kitti Municipal Government Building improvement ......................... 6,000
(4) Election District No. 3 ................. 75,000
  (a) Students financial assistance ... 2,000
  (b) Dolonier, Nett farm road improvement .......................... 25,000
  (c) U Secondary road improvement .... 30,000
  (d) Water project ......................... 10,000
  (e) Contractual services for Grant writing on Seed money ....................... 5,000
(f) Election District No. 3 Rural

Internet Connectivity services .............. $ 3,000"

Section 2. Section 5 of Public Law No. 16-62, as amended by Public Law No. 17-05, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 5. Of the sum of $1,050,000 appropriated by this act, $450,000 is apportioned for Chuuk State for public projects and social programs.

State of Chuuk ................................. $ 450,000

(1) Chuuk at Large ......................... 75,000

(a) Fishing project .................... 44,000

(b) Food relief assistance ............ 12,000

(c) Youth's activities, programs and projects ......................... 10,000

(d) Chuuk's centennial activities and inauguration ......................... 5,000

(e) State, municipal and traditional leaders travel ......................... 4,000

(2) Election District No. 1 ............... 75,000

(a) POL ................................. 15,000

(b) Community centers' renovation/repair ......................... 44,470

(c) Fishing project .................... 7,166

(d) Power/solar lighting system .... 8,364

(3) Election District No. 2 ............... 75,000
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(c) Fishing project ................ $ 15,000
(d) Youths' activities and programs 15,000
(e) Cultural education program ..... 5,000"

Section 3. Section 6 of Public Law No. 16-62, as amended
by Public Law No. 17-05, is hereby further amended to read as
follows:

"Section 6. Allotment and management of funds and
lapse date. All funds appropriated by this act shall
be allotted, managed, administered and accounted for
in accordance with applicable law, including, but not
limited to, the Financial Management Act of 1979.
The allottee shall be responsible for ensuring that
these funds, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
are used solely for the purpose specified in this
act, and that no obligations are incurred in excess
of the sum appropriated. The allottee of funds
appropriated under sections 2 and 4 of this act shall
be the President of the Federated States of
Micronesia or his designee, PROVIDED THAT the
allottee of funds appropriated under subsection
4(1)(c) of this act shall be the Pohnpei
Transportation Authority, the allottee of funds
appropriated under subsection 4(2)(c) of this act
shall be the Secretary of the Department of Resources
and Development or his designee, the allottee of
funds appropriated under subsections 4(3)(b), 4(3)(c) and 4(3)(j) of this act shall be the Luhkenmoanlap of Kitti Municipal Government and the allottee of funds appropriated under subsection 4(3)(i) of this act shall be the Meninkeder Lapalap of Madolenihmw Municipal Government. The allottee of funds appropriated under section 3 of this act shall be the Governor of Yap State. The allottee of funds appropriated under subsections 5(1)(2)(4)(5) and (6) shall be the Chuuk State Commission on Improvement Project (CSCIP). The allottee of funds appropriated under subsection 5(3) of this act shall be the Executive Director of the Northern Namoneas Social and Economic Development Authority. The funds appropriated by this act shall remain available until fully expended."
Section 4. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

September 30, 2011

Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia