October 22, 2012

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

Dear Speaker Figir:

I am pleased to inform you that I have designated the following Congressional Act as Public Law No. 17-66:

Congressional Act No. 17-65, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-59, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NO. 17-63, BY AMENDING SECTION 2 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF YAP AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

I have approved this Act to become law; however, I would like to express my continuing concerns regarding the constant changes to the use of funds for public projects and social programs under this Act. Changes made without public hearings circumvent the coordination between our branches of government to ensure transparency, public accessibility, and effective planning.

In the future, may I propose our branches come together to discuss ways in which we may increase public awareness of this important legal process, including the possibility of public hearings or electronic discussion forums when appropriate, to assure our work for the good of the nation takes place in an open and transparent manner.

Thank you in advance for your kind attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Manny Mori
President

Enclosures:

Xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
    Secretary, Department of Justice
    Director, Office of SBOC
    Legislative Counsel, CFSM
    FSM PIO
October 09, 2012

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. 17-65, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-59, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-63, BY AMENDING SECTION 2 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF YAP, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2012, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: JOSEPH J. URUSEMAL
DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
WITHDRAWN – SEPTEMBER 28, 2012
FIRST READING: SEPTEMBER 28, 2012
SECOND READING: OCTOBER 1, 2012

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
ACT NO. 17-65
(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 17-182, C.D.1)

We hereby certify that on October 1 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2012, 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. Figir
Speaker
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 17-59, as amended by Public Law No.
17-63, by amending section 2 thereof, to change the use of certain
funds previously appropriated to fund public projects and social
programs in the State of Yap, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 2 of Public Law No. 17-59, is hereby
amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. Of the sum of $1,260,000 appropriated by
this act, $180,000 is apportioned for Yap State for
public projects and social programs.
State of Yap ......................... $ 180,000
(a) POL purchase - reimbursement
and provisioning ....................... 20,000
(b) Okau road repair supplemental... 25,000
(c) Yapese COM-FSM fourth year students
financial assistance – partial payment
for outstanding balances of COM-FSM
Yapese students at the National campus
during summer 2012 .................... 36,500
(d) Ngulog village power and
water extension ........................ 35,000
(e) Financial assistance for Yapese
medical student(s) intern in Fiji ...... 5,000
(f) Yap medical referral revolving fund
to be used for referrals of uninsured referral
applicants only $50,000

(g) Waa'gey supplemental funding
provided that written approval by traditional
leaders of the program is provided $8,500" 

Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
becoming law without such approval.

October 12, 2012

Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia