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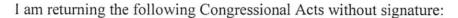
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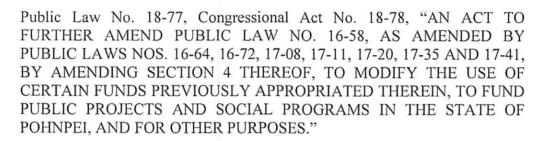
PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 8-335
FSM CONGRESS

August 18, 2014

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert Speaker Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Halbert:





Public Law No. 18-78, Congressional Act No. 18-79, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-35, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 18-49, 18-61 AND 18-63, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 6 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE STATE OF POHNPEI, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-79, Congressional Act No. 18-80, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-62, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-71, 17-05, 17-18, 17-29, 17-47, 18-23, 18-33 AND 18-50, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-80, Congressional Act No. 18-81, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-18, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-24, 16-32, 16-39, 16-45, 16-54, 16-67, 17-04, 17-14, 17-26, 17-39, 17-65, 18-27 AND 18-47, BY AMENDING SECTION 2 THEREOF, TO CHANGE ALLOTTEE AND LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."



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Public Law No. 18-81, Congressional Act No. 18-82, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-11, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO 18-44. BY AMENDING SECTION 2 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE LAPSE DATE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-82, Congressional Act No. 18-83, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-05, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 18-07, 18-14, 18-31, 18-38 AND 18-72, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2, 4 AND 6 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE AND LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-83. Congressional Act No. 18-84, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-59, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 17-63, 17-66, 17-70, 17-77, 17-86, 18-21, 18-29 AND 18-64, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-84, Congressional Act No. 18-85, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO.17-36, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 17-48, 17-78, 17-87, 18-36, AND 18-65, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, TO OFFER A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-85, Congressional Act No. 18-86, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-32, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 15-36, 15-44, 15-57, 15-63, 15-72, 15-78, 16-03, 16-11, 16-33, 16-46, 17-12, 17-21, 17-33, 17-40, 18-17 AND 18-67, BY AMENDING SECTION 2 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE ALLOTTEE AND LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

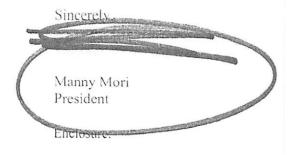
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Public Law No. 18-86. Congressional Act No. 18-87, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-49, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-68, 16-76, 17-06, 17-10, 17-23, 17-30, 17-32, 17-45, 17-85, 18-28, 18-45 AND 18-59, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-87. Congressional Act No. 18-89, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-68, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 17-71, 17-81, 17-84, 17-89, 17-90, 18-03, 18-10, 18-13, 18-32, 18-46 AND 18-58, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREIN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN EACH OF THE STATES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

I reviewed the above Acts, designed to alter the funds and change the allottees for various public projects. The numerous amendments, which fail to provide clear direction on the intention of Congress behind altering funds and changing allottees, make it impossible for the Executive branch to implement public projects without involvement from Congress.

The involvement of some members of Congress in the implementation of public projects violates the Constitution, as confirmed by the Udot case. I have previously shared this concern with Congress and once again bring this problem to your attention. Let's resolve this matter amicably and avoid going to court to seek further clarifications.



Xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court Secretary, Department of Justice Director, SBOC

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

Dear President Mori:

ngressional Act No.
AW NO. 17-59, AS AMENDED
17-77, 17-86, 18-21,

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 18-84, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-59, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 17-63, 17-66, 17-70, 17-77, 17-86, 18-21, 18-29 AND 18-64, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Special Session, 2014, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis

Chief Clerk, Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION JULY 7 - 12, 2014

PUBLIC LAW No. 18-83

An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-59, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 17-63, 17-66, 17-70, 17-77, 17-86, 18-21, 18-29 AND 18-64, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: JOSEPH J. URUSEMAL

DATE: JULY 7, 2014

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

WITHDRAWN - JULY 8, 2014

FIRST READING: JULY 9, 2014

SECOND READING: JULY 10, 2014

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Office of the Speaker

ACT NO. 18-84

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 18-189)

We hereby certify that on July 10 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Special Session, 2014, 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.

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 18-189

PUBLIC LAW No. 18-83

AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 17-59, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 17-63, 17-66, 17-70, 17-77, 17-86, 18-21, 18-29 and 18-64, by amending section 6 thereof, for the purpose of changing the lapse date of certain funds previously appropriated therein, and for other purposes.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 6 of Public Law No. 17-59, as amended
- 2 by Public Laws Nos. 17-63, 18-21 and 18-64, hereby further
- 3 amended to read as follows:

"Section 6. Allotment and management of funds and 4 lapse date. All funds appropriated by this act shall 5 6 be allotted, managed, administered and accounted for in accordance with applicable laws, including, but not limited to, the Financial Management Act of 1979. The 8 allottee shall be responsible for ensuring that these 9 funds, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are 10 used solely for the purpose specified in this act, and 11 that no obligations are incurred in excess of the sum 12 appropriated. The allottee of the funds appropriated 13 under section 2 of this act shall be the Governor of 14 Yap State, EXCEPT that the allottee of funds 15 appropriated under subsection 2(a) shall be the 16 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or his 17 designee and the allottee of funds appropriated under 18

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subsection 2(c) shall be the President of COM-FSM or
his designee. The allottee of funds appropriated
under sections 3 and 4 of this act shall be the
President of the Federated States of Micronesia or his
designee, EXCEPT that the allottee of funds
appropriated under subsection 3(a) of this act shall
be the Mayor of Lelu Municipal Government or his
designee. The allottee of funds appropriated under
subsection 4(2)(d) shall be the Chief Magistrate of
Sokehs Municipal Government. The allottee of funds
appropriated under subsection 4(3)(1) shall be the
Land Grant Project Coordinator. The allottee of funds
appropriated under subsections 5(1) and 5(3) of this
act shall be the Governor of Chuuk State or his
designee; the allottee of funds appropriated under
subsection 5(2) of section 5 of this act shall be the
Mortlock Islands Development Authority; the allottee
of funds appropriated under subsection 5(4) of section
5 of this act shall be the Executive Director of the
Southern Namoneas Development Authority; the allottee
of funds appropriate under subsection 5(5) of section
5 of this act shall be the Faichuk Development
Authority, the allottee of funds appropriated under
subsection 5(6) of section 5 of this act shall be the
Northwest Development Authority. The authority of the

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1	allottee to obligate funds appropriated by this act
2	shall lapse on September 30, 2015."
3	Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
4	President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
5	becoming law without such approval.
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