September 30, 2013

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

Dear Speaker Halbert:

I am pleased to inform Congress that the following Act became Public Law No. 18-14 pursuant to Article IX Section 22 of the FSM Constitution:

Congressional Act No. 18-14, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-05, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-07, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2, 3 AND 5 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF KOSRAE, YAP AND CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

I reiterate the concerns raised about the lack of public hearing and consultation and the absence of committee report to explain the amendments of public projects and social programs. While the overall amount of appropriation remains the same, this amendment introduces new line items by shifting funds from prior appropriation. There is no rationale shown for the amendment, and there is no report to explain the deliberation on the amendment.

I urge Congress to revisit its process in approving and amending appropriation in order to improve the transparency of public projects and social programs and to enhance their relevance to the real needs of their recipients.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

Manny Mori
President

Enclosure:

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
Secretary, Department of Justice
Director, Office of SBOC
Legislative Counsel, CFSM
Library, CFSM
PIO, FSM
September 18, 2013

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. 18-14, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-05, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-07, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2, 3 AND 5 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF KOSRAE, YAP AND CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

which was passed by the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2013, 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
An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-05, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-07, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2, 3 AND 5 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF KOSRAE, YAP AND CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: WESLEY W. SIMINA
DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
WITHDRAWN – SEPTEMBER 16, 2013
FIRST READING: SEPTEMBER 16, 2013
SECOND READING: SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

Liwiana Ramon Icanis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
ACT NO. 18-14

(Congressional Bill No. 18-64, C.D.1, C.D.2, C.D.3, C.D.4)

We hereby certify that on September 17 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2013, 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.

Dohsis Halbert
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. 18-05, as amended by Public Law No. 18-07, by amending sections 2, 3 and 5 thereof, for the purpose of changing the use of funds previously appropriated to fund public projects and social programs in the States of Kosrae, Yap and Chuuk, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 2 of Public Law No. 18-05, as amended by Public Law No. 18-07, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. Of the sum of $2,500,000 appropriated by this act, $400,000 is apportioned for Kosrae State for public projects and social programs.

(1) State of Kosrae .................. $ 400,000

(a) Municipal Governments' subsidy . 100,000

(b) Purchase of a vehicle (Kosrae

Custom and Revenue field office .......... 20,000

(c) Maintenance of a dental chair

for Kosrae State Hospital .................. 5,000

(d) Department of Education

(Classrooms' maintenance/matching for IMF funding 10,000

(e) Kosrae High School Lunch Program 20,000

(f) B.A. program ....................... 10,000

(g) We Care program .................... 20,000

(h) Kosrae Port Authority subsidy .. 20,000
(i) Walden University (student outstanding balance) .................. $ 4,000
(j) Micronesian Shipping Commission 10,000
(k) Xavier High School (tuition & fees for Kosraean students) ............... 20,000
(l) Kosrae Medical Association ..... 10,000
(m) Kosrae State Government subsidy -0-
(n) Malem Association of farmers ... 6,000
(o) Kosrae High School lunch area (renovation, maintenance and upgrade) ..... 10,000
(p) Hemodialysis treatment fees .... 30,000
(q) Transportation needs to Regional Tennis Center in Lautoka, Fiji ............ 5,000
(r) Outstanding debts for Kosraen students attending COM-FSM Institution (Fall and Summer 2013) ..................... 20,000
(s) Lelu Town Government subsidy ... 20,000
(t) Infwala, Tafunsak farm road ... 15,000
(u) COM-FSM Institute Trial Counselor program .......................... 5,000
(v) Kosrae State Court mediation program 10,000
(w) Subsidy for Kosrae State Department of Economic Affairs (seedling production and drainage improvement) ..... 15,000
(x) Youth activities and programs .. 5,000
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1 (y) Telik, Utwe farm road ........... $ 10,000

2 Section 2. Section 3 of Public Law No. 18-05, as amended
3 by Public Law No. 18-07, is hereby further amended to read as
4 follows:

5 "Section 3. Of the sum of $2,500,000 appropriated
6 by this act, $400,000 is apportioned for Yap State
7 for public projects and social programs.
8
9 (1) State of Yap ......................... $ 400,000
10
11 (a) Yap Catholic High school
12 construction supplement grant .................. 150,000
13
14 (b) Outer Island FADS
15 deployment supplemental ....................... 2,257
16
17 (c) Woleai atoll fishing nets ....... 15,000
18 (d) Island Mortuary Services debt payment 20,000
19 (e) Council of Tamol office (equipment, 
20 supplies and air conditioners) .............. 5,000
21
22 (f) Outer Islands' women organizations:
23
24 (i) Precinct fifteenth ........ 5,000
25 (ii) Precinct fourteenth ....... 5,000
26 (iii) Precinct thirteenth ....... 5,000
27 (iv) Precinct twelve .............. 5,000
28
29 (g) Piig Elementary school fund raising 1,000
30 (h) Falalap, Woleai Elementary school
31 fund raising ............................... 1,743
32 (i) Elato water catchment improvement 55,000

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(j) Yap Congressional Delegation

Citizen outreach program .................. $ 30,350

(k) Supplemental funding for

Repair and upgrade of Tegailap and

Seliap Islands community centers ......... 27,000

(l) Supplemental funding for Ngulog

road and Men’s house ..................... 16,150

(m) Daboach community building renovation 35,000

(n) Wottegai road supplemental ..... 4,000

(o) Satawal boat and motor supplemental 5,000

(p) Yochafang choir musical instrument 2,500

(q) Yap State Copra Subsidy Supplemental 10,000"

Section 3. Section 5 of Public Law No. 18-05, as amended

by Public Law No. 18-07, is hereby further amended to read as

follows:

"Section 5. Of the sum of $2,500,000 appropriated by

this act, $1,000,000, is apportioned for Chuuk State

for public projects and social programs.

State of Chuuk ......................... $ 1,000,000

(1) Chuuk at Large ....................... 240,000

(a) Community facilities/

Infrastructure and housing subsidy ......... 40,000

(b) Main water source lease

obligation (Nefo) ....................... 10,000

(c) Contributions to State, Municipal
and Community events/activities/programs $40,000

(d) POL/Charters/Freight subsidy

and/or reimbursement $25,000

(e) Leaders/Patients/Students

repatriation of remains transport and

travel costs $35,000

(f) Administrative support costs

for allottee/At Large $10,000

(g) Fishing project

(equipment/gear/activities) $26,000

(h) Municipal office

construction and related costs $15,000

(i) Land transportation $10,000

(j) Youth activities/Equipment/programs $15,000

(k) Student financial assistance/school subsidy $14,000

(2) Election District No. 1 $150,000

(a) Housing Improvement and Renovation $55,000

(b) Multipurpose community

Building and/or municipal office improvement

and renovation $50,000

(c) Mortlock Island Development

Authority (MIDA) $45,000

(3) Election District No. 2 $150,000

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(e) Solar system project subsidy.. $ 10,000
(f) Sport facilities improvement
and sport equipment purchase .............. 10,000
(g) Association/Organizations' subsidy 5,000
(h) Food security and relief programs 5,000
(i) Student and leaders travel/Medical referral .................................... 10,000
(j) Southern Nameneas Development
Authority office rental ...................... 5,000
(k) Contribution to Municipal/
Community events/activities ................ 10,000
(5) Election District No. 4 ............... 160,000
(a) Fishing project subsidy .......... 40,000
(b) Farming project subsidy ........ 30,000
(c) Low Income housing subsidy .... 25,000
(d) Faichuk Development Authority
administrative cost ......................... 20,000
(e) Humanitarian assistance ........ 20,000
(f) Students' financial assistance . 15,000
(g) Fishing markets' subsidy .... 10,000
(6) Election District No. 5 .............. 150,000
(a) Purchase of a passenger
boat and related cost ....................... 102,500
(b) Northwest Islands Development Authority ...................... 20,000
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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.

___________________________, 2013

Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia