October 23, 2013

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert
Speaker
18th FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Halbert:

I transmit the following Congressional Act, which I grudgingly signed to become Public Law No. 18-23:

Congressional Act No. 18-23, entitled: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-62, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-71, 17-05, 17-18, 17-29 AND 17-47, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 6 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE, ALLOTTEE AND LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF Pohnpei and Chuuk, and for other purposes."

This Congressional Act changes the allottee for public projects and social programs for Chuuk State. Most of the changes involve designation of the Governor of Chuuk as replacement of the CSCIP after being repealed by Public Law No. 17-75 on February 12, 2013.

For Pohnpei State, the amendment consists in changing the use of funds for ED #2 from Civic Centers to Road Improvement for the same amount of $10,000. Because of the fact that there was no public hearing on the amendment and there is no committee report to explain the amendment, I grudgingly signed the Congressional Act to become public law.

I urge Congress to carefully review and consider the foregoing concerns and rectify the errors as soon as possible. Thank you.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

Manny Mori
President

CC: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
    Secretary, Department of Justice
    Director, Office of SBOC
    Legislative Counsel, CFSM
    Library, CFSM
    FSM PIO
October 04, 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. 18-23, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-62, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-71, 17-05, 17-18, 17-29 AND 17-47, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 6 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE, ALLOTTEE AND LAPSE DATE 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 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,

[Signature]
Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures
An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-62, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-71, 17-05, 17-18, 17-29 AND 17-47, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 6 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE, ALLOTTEE AND LAPSE DATE 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 25, 2013

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
WITHDRAWN – SEPTEMBER 30, 2013
FIRST READING: SEPTEMBER 30, 2013
SECOND READING: OCTOBER 01, 2013
ACT NO. 18-23

(Congressional Bill No. 18-84, C.D.1)

We hereby certify that on October 01 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. 16-62, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 16-71, 17-05, 17-18, 17-29 and 17-47, by amending sections 4 and 6 thereof, to change the use, allottee and lapse date 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, 17-05, 17-18 and 17-29, 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) Completion of Kapingi’s Multipurpose Center ...................... 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) Road Improvement ................. 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 6 of Public Law No. 16-62, as amended
by Public Laws Nos. 16-71, 17-05 and 17-18, 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) and 5(3) shall be
the Governor of Chuuk or his designee. The allottee
of funds appropriated under subsection 5(2) of this
section 5 of this act shall be the Mortlocks 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 appropriated 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 funds appropriated by this act shall
lapse on September 30, 2014."
Section 3. 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 25, 2013

Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia