June 30, 2014

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

Dear Speaker Halbert:

I am returning the following Congressional Acts, which have become public laws without signature:

Public Law No. 18-72, Congressional Act No. 18-71 entitled: “AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-05, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 18-07, 18-14, 18-31 AND 18-38, BY AMENDING SECTION 2 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF KOSRAE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Public Law No. 73, Congressional Act No. 18-72 entitled: “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 3 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF KOSRAE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Both Congressional Acts No. 18-71 and 18-72 change certain line item appropriations for Kosrae. Although the overall amounts of public projects and social programs remain the same, the amendments either modify the amounts or change the purpose of certain line items. There is no committee report made and no public hearing conducted before approving the amendments. As implementer of public laws, the Executive Branch was not invited to express its views and opinions on the potential ramifications of the amendments or if there are any issues in regard to the actual implementation of the appropriation. Stated another way, there was no transparency in the process of adopting the amendments. Both Acts were withdrawn from the appropriate committee, which prevented thorough deliberation on the subject matter.

I continue to urge Congress to implement changes in order to address the concerns expressed above.

Sincerely,

Manny Mori
President

Enclosure:

Cc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
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May 29, 2014

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. 18-72, "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 3 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF KOSRAE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", which was passed by the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2014, 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. 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 3 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF KOSRAE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: YOSIWO P. GEORGE
DATE: MAY 21, 2014

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
WITHDRAWN – MAY 26, 2014
FIRST READING: MAY 26, 2014
SECOND READING: MAY 27, 2014

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
ACT NO. 18-72

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 18-174)

We hereby certify that on May 27 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular 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.

Dohsis Halbert
Speaker
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia

Liwiana Ramon Icanis
Chief Clerk
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
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 3 thereof, for the purpose of changing the use of certain funds previously appropriated therein, to fund public projects and social programs in the State of Kosrae, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 3 of Public Law No. 17-68, as amended
by Public Laws Nos. 17-71, 17-84, 18-03 and 18-13, is hereby
further amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. Of the sum of $5,697,383 appropriated
by this act, $15,197 is apportioned to pay the
amount owed by the State of Kosrae to FEMA and
$600,000 is apportioned for public projects and
social programs in the State of Kosrae.

(1) Amount owed by the State of Kosrae to FEMA $15,197

(2) State of Kosrae ....................... $ 600,000

(a) Kosrae State Government subsidy

(IMF matching, road & drainage maintenance,
 equipment) ............................. 100,000

(b) DREA economic projects and programs 40,000

(c) Kosrae Utility Authority

for Power Extension ....................... -0-

(d) Vehicle purchase
1 for Small Business Center ......................... $ 25,000
2 (e) Kosrae State subsidy .................. 55,000
3 (f) Department of Education (Classrooms' maintenance/matching for IMF funding)...... -0-
5 (g) Department of Education
6 (Youth program/activities)....................... 5,000
7 (h) Kosrae Island Resource
8 Management Authority subsidy.................... 10,000
9 (i) Kosrae Conservation Society
10 Organization subsidy.......................... 10,000
11 (j) Panyakah bridge improvement
12 and repair (IMF matching)......................... 15,000
13 (k) Lelu municipal government subsidy 10,000
14 (l) Kosrae Island Veterans Association 20,000
15 (m) KHS lunch program ......................... 40,000
16 (n) B.A. program .............................. 20,000
17 (o) "We Care" referral program ..... 20,000
18 (p) Multipurpose building in
19 Lelu municipality................................. 20,000
20 (q) Road improvement (Yeni to Wan Utwe) 10,000
21 (r) Sungankuta, Malem inner road
22 improvement ................................. 5,000
23 (s) Kosrae Women Christian Association 5,000
24 (t) Kosrae Visitor’s Bureau
25 (travel and promotion)......................... 10,000
(u) Kosrae participants to the
2014 Women conference in Pohnpei............ $20,000
(v) Kosrae Utility Authority subsidy 40,000
(w) Kosrae Youth Associations (Fusr) 5,000
(x) Kosrae Special Parent Network (KSPN) 5,000
(y) Kosrae State Government’s
contribution to Pacific Island Development Bank 30,000
(z) Yela Environment Landowners Authority (YELA).............................. 10,000
(aa) Tourist travel trail
in Malem municipality ....................... 5,000
(ab) Lelu farm road
improvement at Sruusr, Lelu................. 10,000
(ac) Inkoenum, Utwe access
and inner road project......................... -0-
(ad) Kings farm road
project in Pilyaul, Malem .................... 15,000
(ae) Tafunsak Municipal
Government land acquisition.................. 10,000
(af) Tafeot Dam repair
and water system improvement............... 10,000
(ag) Malem Municipal
Government subsidy........................... 10,000
(ah) Utwe Municipal
Government subsidy .......................... 10,000"
Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon it becoming law without such approval.

________________________, 2014

Law w/out Signature
6-30-14

Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia