October 30, 2014

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

Dear Speaker Halbert:

I transmit the following Congressional Act, which became Public Law No. 18-93 without signature:

Congressional Act No. 18-95, 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 5 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE STATE OF CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

I reiterate the concerns I earlier raised regarding the lack of public hearing and consultation and the absence of any committee report that explains the rationale for the amendment of public projects and social programs. Although the amendment does not appropriate any additional fund, the new line items inserted in the existing appropriation for public projects and social programs for Chuuk Election District No. 2 require some explanation. The Act does not show any justification or necessity of the amendments.

Furthermore, the $12,500 funding for a feasibility study on aquaculture and farming projects is deleted. Once again, there is no indication in the Act as to why this line item defunded.

In light of the above, I allowed Congressional Act No. 18-95 to become public law without signature.

Sincerely,

Manny Mori
President

cc: Acting Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
Secretary, Department of Justice
Director, Office of SBOC
Legislative Counsel, CFSM
Library, CFSM
PIO, FSM
September 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. 18-95, "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 5 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE STATE OF CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2014, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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

Enclosures
An Act

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: TONY H. OTTO
DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
WITHDRAWN – SEPTEMBER 23, 2014
FIRST READING: SEPTEMBER 23, 2014
SECOND READING: SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
ACT NO. 18-95

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 18-217, C.D.1, C.D.2)

We hereby certify that on September 25 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth 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 Ioanis
Chief Clerk
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia
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 5 thereof, for the purpose of changing the use of funds previously appropriated to fund public projects and social programs for the State of Chuuk, and for other purposes.

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

1. Section 1. Section 5 of Public Law No. 18-05, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 18-07 and 18-14, 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

(a) Patient/Students/Leadership

travel expenses ............................. 25,000

(b) Food security and relief program 15,000

(c) Meeting Halls improvement

and rehabilitation .......................... 20,000

(d) Repatriation of human remains
and associated cost (transport, travel
and funeral cost) .................................. $ 10,000
(e) Road improvement project ........... 20,000
(f) Students financial assistance
and outstanding debt ......................... 20,000
(g) Piis Paneu................................. 6,000
(h) Fishing project......................... 7,500
(i) Election District No. 2
administrative support services ............. 10,000
(j) Land transportation needs ............ 10,000
(k) Fonoton.................................. 6,500
(4) Election District No. 3 ................. 150,000
(a) Fishing project subsidy ............. 30,000
(b) Community housing/facilities
rehabilitation .................................. 40,000
(c) Repatriation of human remains
and associated cost (transport, travel
and funeral cost) ............................ 15,000
(d) Southern Namoneas Development
Authority administrative cost .............. 10,000
(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
1 (i) Student and leaders travel/Medical referral ......................... $ 10,000
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3 (j) Southern Namoneas Development
4 Authority office rental ....................... 5,000
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6 (k) Contribution to Municipal/Community events/activities ................. 10,000
7 (5) Election District No. 4 ..................... 160,000
8 (a) Fishing project subsidy ............... 40,000
9 (b) Farming project subsidy .............. 30,000
10 (c) Low Income housing subsidy ...... 25,000
11 (d) Faichuk Development Authority administrative cost ..................... 20,000
12 (e) Humanitarian assistance .......... 20,000
13 (f) Students' financial assistance .. 15,000
14 (g) Fishing markets' subsidy ........... 10,000
15 (6) Election District No. 5 ............... 150,000
16 (a) Purchase of a passenger boat and related cost .................... 102,500
17 (b) Northwest Islands Development Authority .................. 20,000
18 (c) Fishing projects .................... 12,000
19 (d) Election District No. 5 office rental ..................... 3,000
20 (e) Food relief program ................. 12,500")
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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.

Law w/out Signature
10-30-14

Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia