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The Honorable Felix P. Camacho
Governor of Guam
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Dear Governor:

In the course of my review of the Record of Decision, I have learned that your administration has been involved in talks with the Office of Economic Adjustment and other federal agencies aimed at identifying and responding with project proposals to the various problems Guam faces with the onset of the buildup. Areas under discussion are said to include health care, public health, judicial services, emergency services, cultural resources and education and should lead to funding of projects to meet specific island needs.

According to the ROD, "The Office of the Governor proposed specific projects within each socioeconomic area of interest for further consideration."

At the Legislature we've long discussed and debated these same matters and I urge you as a matter of courtesy to share your recommendations and findings to the federal government with us and the public, so we can effectively advocate with federal officials for the mitigation measures being considered. It is particularly unfortunate that we did not learn of this earlier, since it undercuts our declared "Team Guam" approach and takes informed stakeholders out of the response to facilitating a successful buildup.

I ask that you provide this directly to me as Chairperson of the Military Buildup Committee and I will assure that it will be disseminated to our entire membership.

Further, I strongly urge you, once again, to empanel the Guam First Commission which is mandated by Guam law. The Guam First Commission will provide the proper body for discussions and negotiations with the military in the implementation of the ROD.

Senseramente,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judith P. Guthertz", is written over a white background.

Judith P. Guthertz, DPA
Senator



Letter from Sen. Judith Guthertz
To The Honorable Felix P. Camacho
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