



I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Senator Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan (D)

February 22, 2012

Governor Edward Calvo
Office of the Governor
Ricardo J. Bordallo Complex
Adelup, Guam

Hafa Adai Governor Calvo,

In light of the recent events that have occurred during the past few days with the termination of the contract for the Senior Citizens Program with the Government of Guam Association of Retired Persons (GGARP)/Servicio Para I Man'amko (SPIMA), I urge you to act swiftly to resolve this issue.

It is unfortunate that the *Man'amko* are once again being targeted for cost savings by your administration. It was not too long ago when transportation services became an issue on how they would be able to go to their Senior Centers, which for some of them is a daily routine to enjoy their day to see friends, and engage in other social activities. Now, they may not even be able to go to their Senior Centers and expect the same level of services and programs because of the threat of termination of the contract with GAARP/SPIMA. This is unacceptable and such an unnecessary stress that our *Man'amko* and their families have to endure.

Mr. Jim Gillam, the Director of the Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPHSWS) publicly stated that he knew since the beginning of this fiscal year that there might be a problem with continuing the contract with GAARP/SPIMA, yet a formal letter was written to them dated February 17, 2012 to terminate on February 29, 2012. GGARP/SPIMA has provided this service for forty (40) years to our *Man'amko* and we give them twelve (12) days notice of termination. Again, unacceptable. This is not how we should be treat an organization made up of *Man'amko* to help *Man'amko*.

I support Mrs. Pilar Lujan, President of GAARP/SPIMA request to you to continue the contract on a month-to-month basis until such time that monies can be found to support the services. On behalf of the thousands of *Man'amko* that will be affected by this decision, use your transfer authority *today* to cover any budget constraints that DPHSS states is the reason for the termination of the contract.

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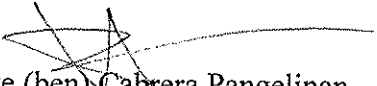
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You have the power to transfer the necessary \$120,000 required to secure the services of GAARP/SPIMA for the remainder of the fiscal year. Should you decide it is not a priority to retain the services of GAARP/SPIMA for our *Man'amko* by transfer of necessary monies, I am prepared to introduce legislation and find the money for them.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase,


Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan
Senator

cc: Mr. Jim Gillam, DPHSS Director
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