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Attn: Guam National Olympic Committee  
c/o Mr. Ricardo Blas  
Via Email

Dear Mr. Blas and GNOC Board of Directors,

Hafa Adai!

We are here to let you know that we do have local qualified physicians who are interested in helping Team Guam to the Olympics and we understand that they have contacted the GNOC.

It was surprising to read in the Pacific Daily News, "I was not aware of any physicians on Guam expressing interest in assisting Team Guam in London," he said yesterday in an email."

The Guam Medical Association over 185 members represents the largest pool of local physicians and other health care providers and we believe that Olympics is about everyone here on island. It's about Guam. Yes, the Olympics is about the athletes but it is also important to recognize that the Olympics is about our island and the people here locally and our doctors should be included.

Dr. Luis Cruz is a local boy who grew up on island, graduated FD, gone to medical school and residency and have returned to the island to serve our people. He is the righteous choice to be the team physician taking care of Guam's Olympic Team.

We understand that you included Mr. Chris Fernandez, a non-physician who is limited in his scope of care and diagnosis for various medical conditions; we feel that Dr. Luis Cruz is better to compliment the team, as he is a licensed medical doctor. It would be best for GNOC to reconsider and select or include Dr. Luis Cruz as part our Team Guam to the Olympic games. This is concurred by our board and our President Dr. Thomas Shieh as well who is currently off island at the moment.

We look forward to working with you on this mission.

Sincerely,

**Chris Bieling, MD**  
Acting GMA President