



September 23, 2010

Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo
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Re: GMHA Funding

Dear Congresswoman Bordallo:

It now appears that the defense authorization bill will not be voted on until after the November elections. This may provide adequate time for amendments to the defense bill.

In the September 21, 2010, Statement of Administrative Policy, the Obama Administration asserted that the Administration would address the needs of Guam "both on base and off" as the military buildup proceeds. The commitment that we on Guam need from the federal government to ensure that buildup related healthcare needs are met is to fund Guam's healthcare infrastructure. As such, I urge that you do what you can to express the gravity of the situation to key members of the Senate.

Much has been said about pacing the buildup with the upgrades in our utilities infrastructure. Equal consideration must be given to our healthcare infrastructure. Otherwise, the ability of GMHA to provide services to our residents will be greatly compromised. Unless GMHA is provided funding for infrastructure upgrades, it will be incapable of accommodating the induced population increase that will result from the buildup.

I urge that you push for a provision in the defense bill that Guam's civilian healthcare and hospital needs be funded in the FY2011 defense authorization bill and that the military buildup cannot proceed until Guam's basic infrastructure needs at GMHA are addressed.

Thank you for your attention and for your prompt replies to my letters. I trust that you will take prompt action to ensure adequate healthcare at GMHA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Cruz", written over a white background.

Benjamin J.F. Cruz

Cc: Cecilia Munoz, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
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