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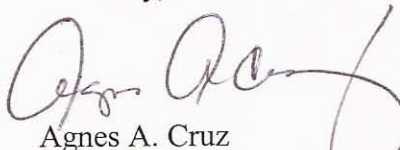
Dear Senator Klitzkie:

I am requesting the amount of \$39,000.00 from your office savings to upgrade the Guam Legislature's Audio and Visual Department. The hardware used to record legislative sessions and public hearings has not been fully upgraded in more than fifteen years. This has resulted in an outdated and practically non-functioning system. The audio equipment is failing and quickly becoming unusable. The visual equipment is unable to perform at the level needed to keep the public fully informed of the activities of the Guam Legislature in a transparent and open manner. The proposed funds will be used to improve the:

- 1.) **Visual equipment.** Currently the equipment automatically shuts down during recording; records a fuzzy picture on the screen; backlight turns off and on without prompting; the connector switches are damaged; and the computer graphics station is non-functioning. New equipment will correct all of the above and add enough cameras to record two public hearings at once; automate camera motions to be able to control actions from the booth without constant manual adjustment; replace the computer graphics station to be able to print text and graphics on screen during public hearing and sessions; and record, reproduce and distribute in DVD rather than VHS tapes.
- 2.) **Audio equipment:** Currently the system produces an on-air sound that is distracting to viewers; often shuts down automatically; uses more counter space than is necessary; and only records to tapes. New equipment will correct all of the above problems and will be smaller and lighter; provide greater control over sound quality; provide ability to record two public hearings at the same time; and record, reproduce and distribute audio of public hearings or legislative sessions in digital formats including MP3 formats on a CD.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Agnes A. Cruz
Acting Executive Director

Approved: _____


Sen. Robert Klitzkie

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Date