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The Honorable Tosiwo Nakayama
President of the Senate
Congress of Micronesia
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

MARSHALLS DISTRICT
Anita Mota
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and

PALAU DISTRICT
Ezraus E. Bohn
Kosma Timentan

The Honorable Bethwel Henry
Speaker, House of Representatives
Congress of Micronesia
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

PONAPE DISTRICT
Laney Oter
Amelios Tobi

Gentlemen:

TRUK DISTRICT
Tosiwo Nakayama
Nick Bossy

I am writing this letter, with grave doubts and disbelief still within myself, regarding the recent action of the Congress leadership authorizing \$10,000 to certain Marianas residents for the purpose of conducting a political education toward achieving "Unity", with the hidden motive to undermine the Marianas's desire for Commonwealth.

YAP DISTRICT
Petera Tom
John A. Mangler

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPEAKER
Bethwel Henry

The action of your offices regarding such authorization of public funds and earmarking such for political education in the Marianas is now a matter of public record. I do not believe, therefore, that I should expound further into the truth of my contention of the involvement of Congress in the matter.

MARIANAS DISTRICT
Jose Motta
Norman Guerrero
Oscar Raso

MARSHALLS DISTRICT
Atoll Pulos
Charles Dornick
Carmen Linger
Irene Suk

I want to make it very clear that I have no objection nor reservation on the interest of the Congress of undertake a serious effort toward unity. However, I am very much against the very clear motive of the Congress, first, in using some of our people as a tool to get at the Marianas District for its "separatist" attitude and secondly, to indiscriminately authorize the spending of public funds to undermine the Marianas people's desire to freely express their choice for political status.

PALAU DISTRICT
Polycarpus Sauting
Kosma Timentan
Isipoo Rumbach

PONAPE DISTRICT
Bethwel Henry
Laney Oter
Amelios Tobi

If the unity funds is truly for an open-minded political education program in the Marianas, then the appropriate body to undertake such a program may be the District Administration, the TTPI ESG, or the Marianas Political Status Commission, and certainly not the staff of a local newspaper whose

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aim has consistently been the presentation of distorted and biased information and the ultimate objective of creating social and political chaos specifically aimed at the Marianas people because of their desire to become a part of the United States.

It is very clear from the action of the Congressional leadership that its past pretense for "non-involvement" and impartial attitude toward the wishes of the Marianas people has been transformed and reincarnated into a most violent, dangerous and coordinated subversive effort tactically camouflaged in the name of unity.

I am at a loss to understand why public funds is being made available by responsible public officials for subversive political activities in the Marianas.

I say subversive and attached deep meaning to it because I believe strongly that the aim of such a program is designed with a malicious intention of undermining the Commonwealth movement of the Marianas District. I do not believe that any sense of unity will be accomplished. At best, the funds will be used to subsidize a local newspaper whose determination to deny the freedom of the people to choose their political status based on unbiased information and unadulterated facts is well-known.

My understanding regarding the use of the Unity funds of the Congress is to promote traditional leadership discussions which may lead toward better understanding the cooperation among them. But apparently, a handful of members of Congress sees fit to twist the intention of Congress and embark on a most unscrupulous mission of potential public disruption and chaos.

Unity can only be achieved by open discussion of issues, not by resorting to brainwashing and misleading information, as presently being carried out by the potential recipients of the \$10,000 of public funds.

I wish to emphasize that as a member of Congress and the Chairman of the Marianas Delegation, I do not approve of the action of my Marianas colleagues to coerce Congress for a "political education", nor of the leadership's approval of the funds.

Lastly, I wish to remind members of Congress that unity cannot be bought, but can only be achieved by mutual respect

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for each other and genuine efforts to understand the differences in attitude that perpetuate misunderstanding.

I feel very strongly that the public funds authorized and appropriated by your offices for its intended purposes is a flagrant violation of our solemn oath when we took office, and furthermore, a clear demonstration of intentional abuse of our taxpayers' money.

For our Congress to condone such action by the leadership is a disgrace of the highest order of our government, and certainly a most disturbing precedence for any new government that Micronesia will form in the future.

By copy of this letter, I am letting the whole world know of your most outstanding achievement on the 10th Anniversary of the Congress of Micronesia.

Sincerely yours,

Senator Pedro A. Tenorio

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cc: All members, Congress of Micronesia
Secretary of the Interior
Honorable Phillip Burton, U.S. Congress
High Commissioner

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