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Dear

We are writing on behalf of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands to urge your support for H. J. Res. 549 which would provide United States approval to the Covenant to establish a commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in political union with the United States of America.

We are enclosing copies of three documents which we think you will find useful in connection with your consideration of this important matter. First, there is a copy of a letter sent to members of the Foreign Relations Committee stating the reasons that the people of the Marianas believe that delay in consideration of the Covenant would serve no useful purpose and might

adversely affect the interests of both the United States and the Marianas. Second, there is a letter sent to Senator Sparkman by representatives of the Congress of Micronesia and ourselves jointly urging prompt and favorable action on the Covenant, and dispelling any notion that delay is appropriate because technical problems arising from the separation of the Marianas are unresolved. Finally, there is a short paper entitled "Questions and Answers Concerning the Marianas Covenant" which we have prepared to provide you with information concerning several of the most common questions raised about the Covenant.

We will be testifying on Monday, November 17, at the hearings on H. J. Res. 549 to be held by the Armed Services Committee. We look forward to seeing you then, and would appreciate the opportunity to answer any questions you may have concerning the Covenant.

Very truly yours,

Pedro A. Tenorio  
Senator, Congress of Micronesia,  
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Commission

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