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Second Constitutional Convention
Saipan, Northern Marianas

Delegate Proposal No. 119-85

A Proposal

To promote private sector development in the
Northern Marianas.

BE IT PROPOSED that a new article be added to the Constitution as follows:

"Article _____. Private Sector.

"Section 1. The government shall promote the development of the Northern Marianas through private sector institutions, including private businesses and non-profit organizations, and shall minimize its role in any development.

Section 2. All agencies of government shall submit a report to the Legislature in April of each year identifying functions which can be carried effectively and efficiently by private sector institutions.

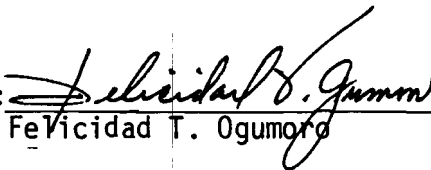
Section 3. Procurement by government of product and services with less than \$1,000,000 shall be made through businesses owned by a Northern Marianas citizen and domiciled in the Northern Marianas. The governor may make an exemption provided he certifies in writing to be published in a local printed newspaper that such an exemption is in the best interest of the Northern Marianas.

Section 4. All small businesses, requiring an investment of less than \$100,000, are reserved for citizens of the Northern Marianas. The Legislature may exempt certain businesses from this provision.

Section 5. All businesses owned by persons who are not citizens or permanent residents of the Northern Marianas shall submit a plan to promote domestic private enterprise and employ local residents to the government for approval prior to being granted a license to do business in the Northern Marianas.

Section 6. Employees of the private sector, who are citizens of the Northern Marianas, are entitled to same rights and privileges granted to civil service employees of the government. The Legislature shall adopt a plan to implement this provision within a year upon the effective date of this provision. In the event of a failure by the Legislature to do so, the Chief Judge may issue an order containing such a plan.

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