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Delegate Lorenzo I. Guerrero
Chairman, Committee on Finance
and Other Matters
Second Northern Marianas Constitutional
Convention
Saipan, CM 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We do support the intent of Proposal No. 5-85 to limit the budget of the Legislature. However, we do not support the concept of "whichever is greater". We strongly urge that for the next sever years, the legislative budget shall not exceed \$3,000,000.

Additionally, the propose method of funding distribution is suspect. We recommend the following distribution base on a Three Million Dollars budget:

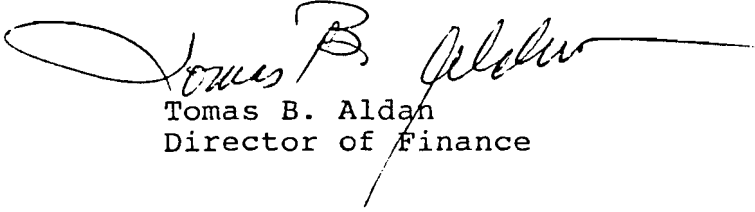
- A. For the operation of the House of Representatives
\$1,300,000
- B. For the operation of the House Minority Office
\$100,000
- C. For the operation of the Senate
\$1,300,000.
- D. For the operation of the Senate Minority
\$100,000
- E. For the Office of Rota Delegation
\$100,000
- F. For the Office of Tinian Delegation
\$100,000

In the event a Minority Office is not needed, such funding allocation shall revert to the operation of the House which does not have a Minority.

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We thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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