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

Dear Chairman Guerrero:

Thank you for inviting us to comment on several amendments to the Commonwealth Constitution. These proposals are scheduled to be heard on June 29, 1985. Our comments are as follows:

Proposal 4-85: CODE OF ETHICS. We support establishing a Code of Ethics for elected and appointed officials. However, requiring financial disclosures from all government employees will be too cumbersome. Perhaps it should be limited to Director or Deputy Director levels.

Proposal 107-85: New Seal and Flag: Our Commonwealth is a fairly new entity and has just begun to gain recognition internationally. To redesign the present official seal and flag may create confusion of our identity in other parts of the world.

Proposal 6-85: To require public bidding for all goods and services. Presently, the government maintains rules and regulations governing the acquisition of goods and services. The rules and regulations specified criteria by which public bidding is required. The proposed amendment will require all goods and services and may hamper the smooth operation of our government.

Proposal 41-85: We feel that this issue is of policy level and therefore ask that you waive input by our office on this matter since it is not within our designated responsibility.

We hope that you will consider our comments in your deliberation.

Sincerely,

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Managing Director

