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

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you to present testimony on the various Delegate Proposals before you.

On Proposal 4-85, Code of Ethics for public officers and employees of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches of the Government, we are in full support of the proposal. In addition to the three branches of the Government mentioned, we wish to recommend that the Code of Ethics should also be extended to autonomous government agencies. As you may know, there is a Code of Ethics for government personnel service which is part of the Personnel Services System Regulations.

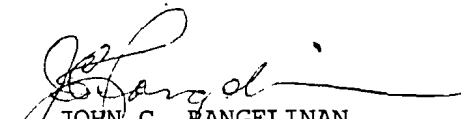
On Proposal 108-85, to provide for a new seal and flag of the Northern Mariana Islands, we feel that the CNMI citizenry should be involved in the design and adoption as it was done for the current flag and seal.

On Proposal 6-85, to require public bidding for all goods and services required by the Commonwealth Government, we feel that a minimum amount be established for bidding purposes. We feel that it is not economical to advertise for public bidding on material requirement of say \$50. As you may know, there is a CNMI Procurement Regulations which governs this issue.

On Proposal 41-85, to require that all CIP funds for Rota and Tinian be controlled by the Mayors of those Senatorial District, we feel that it is prudent to have the CIP funds controlled by the central government as it is more cost effective and also capital improvement program should be carried out in consonance with the Master Plan. If, however, it is the wish of the Committee to place the control on the Mayor of the respective islands, we respectfully leave it to your discretion.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to present this brief testimony to this August Body.

Respectfully Yours,

  
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