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Honorable Juan T. Lizama, Chairman  
Committee on Governmental  
Institutions  
Second Northern Marianas Constitutional  
Convention  
Saipan, CM 96950

Dear Chairman Lizama:

Thank you for inviting us to comment on several amendments to the Commonwealth Constitution. These proposals are all concerned with the policy issue regarding the education department which is not within our designated responsibility. Nonetheless, education is one of the key factors in the future development of our tourist industry. Therefore, we would like to offer the following brief comments:

Proposal 32-85. To establish an Independent System of Education in the Northern Marianas. The proposal is too restrictive in its definitions of the roles and responsibilities of the educational system. We feel that a more flexible framework would be workable in reality to accommodate the changes that will occur through the years.

Proposal 33-85. To make the Department of Education Autonomous. We are concerned with the composition of the Board of Education which we feel should be determined in a way that takes into consideration the scope of the educational needs of each island.

Proposal 117-85. To elect a Board of Regents for the Education System with the Power to Appoint a President of the Northern Marianas College. We have worked with the college in the past and we view this measure as a step ahead in recognizing the post-secondary needs of our growing community.

Proposal 106-85. To delete "Superintendent" and insert "Director." This is a question of terminology and we ask that you waive our input on this matter.

We hope the above comments will be of help to your committee in its deliberation on the this important issue.

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