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Mr. Lorenzo I. Guerrero, Chairman
Committee on Finance & Other Matters
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your confidence in me to again be given the opportunity to comment on the proposals that are assigned to your Committee.

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MPLC is utilizing our local firms as much as what is available on the island and within reasonable cost. Regarding restricting certain level of business to citizens of the Northern Marianas, first this citizenship should be thoroughly defined. Do we have the authority to restrict U.S. citizens? We have to be cautious in overly protecting our local business to assure competitive environment which is a safeguard against overpricing of goods and service.

We have reservation over this proposal.

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To wait for the legislature to act on the definition of public purpose could extend forever. Let's define this here in the Constitution so our leaders could be guided accordingly.

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Quite inequitable. We have chosen to be part of the U.S. Yet, we still want to discriminate ourselves from other U.S. citizens. On the other hand when we travel to other U.S. soils, we demand to be accorded most, if not all, the rights and privileges of a U.S. citizen.

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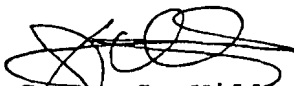
If this is the intent of the amendment, it is not noble.

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This would add more flexibility to MPLC. However, surplus should be defined to avoid confrontation with MPLT.

If you need additional information, we are ready to assist.

Sincerely,



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