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

Dear Chairman Guerrero:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the various delegate proposals that are scheduled for tomorrow's public hearing. The following comments are submitted for your consideration and deliberation:

1. Proposal 165-85:

This proposal would gravely impact the government's capacity to delivery services. There have been and will be events in the future where public services can best be delivered through the use of private sector facilities.

2. Proposal 139-85:

The effect of casino gambling will be Commonwealth-wide, to permit anyone of the municipalities to impose this against the wishes and desires of any other municipalities would impact upon the rights of other individuals due to the Commonwealth-wide impact.

3. Proposal 196-85:

This could be a basis of avoidance of taxes by most businesses. I could foresee every business association within the Commonwealth having a fishing or agricultural cooperatives purpose. Only government created cooperatives or corporations should be exempt from taxes and only them on a case-by-case basis and by legislation only.

4. Proposal 197-85:

The true Federal employees have their own retirement system. Therefore, joining the CNMI system would not benefit them. The so

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called Federal Employees - Those who are actually local employees whose employment costs is reimbursed with Federal Grant funds have the right to join the CNMI retirement system presently.

5. Proposal 223-85:

Although the intent of this proposal has merit, it could be best address through the normal legislative procedure.

6. Proposal 224-85:

The Delegate proposal is to add a new section to Article X of the Constitution, but not necessarily to be labeled "Section 5."

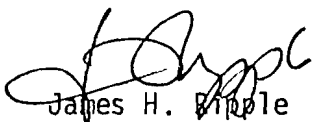
The basic fundamental element in financing a government to run is through imposition of taxes. The legislators who are the representative of the people must be able to implement appropriate taxes as deem necessary.

7. Proposal 229-85:

No comments.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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