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Ms. Marian Aldan-Pierce
Vice-Chairperson
Committee on Land and Personal Rights
Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Ms. Aldan-Pierce:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on a proposal submitted by Delegate Benjamin T. Manglona proposing to have the island of Anyota be preserved for wildlife protection.

For the information of the Committee, the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is in the process of finalizing plans to develop a marina on Anyota Island for local boat owners, businesses, and tourists alike. We have requested the Marianas Public Land Corporation to have the area around the harbor, the marina and Anyota Island deeded to the CPA. Developing the marina is part of the overall improvement of the Rota Harbor, which has long been neglected and is in dire need of expansion and renovation.

The CPA strongly support the preservation of wildlife habitat. However, the CPA strongly recommends that Anyota Island be deeded to CPA so it can be developed as a marina. CPA will indeed take every steps necessary to protect the wildlife habitat and the environment during the development of the marina and the nearby areas.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. Shoda".

Carlos A. Shoda
Executive Director

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cc: Board Members