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Delegate Juan S. Tenorio
Third Northern Mariana Islands
Constitutional Convention
Second Floor, Joeten Dandan Center
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Re: Proposed Amendments to Section 5 of Article XII

Dear Mr. Tenorio:

We have reviewed the proposed amendments to Section 5 of Article XII of the Commonwealth Constitution and strongly recommend that a provision be added to expressly state that the amendments will have prospective application only, commencing on the effective date of the amendments. This sort of express provision involving corporations was included in Section 6 of Article XII by the 1985 Constitutional Convention. We propose that language such as the following be added to the end of proposed Section 5:

"The amendments to this section shall apply prospectively only as of the effective date of these amendments."

Very truly yours,



John F. Biehl

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