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The Honorable Jimmy Carter  
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Dear Mr. President:

We wish to call to your attention and to recommend for your approval H.R. 8444 (the Territorial Omnibus Bill). This bill represents a bipartisan Congressional effort on the part of both Houses to ameliorate some of the problems confronting Americans living in the off-shore areas.

For example, in order to foster economic development and meet long-standing federal commitments to the insular areas, section 401 authorizes modern communications for Micronesia; section 601 provides logistical support for the people of the Marshall Islands, affected by U.S. nuclear testing in the Pacific; section 603 encourages the development of renewable energy resources; and section 607 paves the way for technical assistance to the territorial governments which is sorely needed. Moreover, section 501 amends the current law permitting Congress 60-legislative days to review the recently submitted Constitution of the Virgin Islands. And section 303 delays application for two years of the Internal Revenue Code in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas -- this extension is vital in order that the Marianas' Government in consort with the Internal Revenue Service have sufficient time to implement these complex tax provisions.

Mr. President, considering the needs of the off-shore areas, H.R. 8444 is prudent and just legislation; and we ask your

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support in enacting it into law.

Best wishes for a joyous Holiday Season.

Sincerely,



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