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The Honorable James C. Miller III Director Office of Management and Budget Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Miller:

This is in response to your request for the Department of Transportation's comments on the proposed Executive Order entitled "Management of the Compact of Free Association with the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau."

The purpose of the proposed Executive Order is to establish an executive branch structure based upon the discrete authorities and responsibilities vested in the Secretaries of State and Interior in enacting legislation P.L. 99-239.

The Department concurs with the proposed Executive Order.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed Order.

Sincerely,

Jim J. Marquez General Counsel