

## **PORT OF GUAM**

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The Honorable Telena Cruz Nelson
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& Self-Determination, & Federal & Foreign Relations
I Mina trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan
36th Guam Legislature
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Dear Madam Chairperson Nelson:

Buenas yan Hafa Adai! I am writing to seek clarification on your legislative inquiry into the Port's hiring practices over the past five years. You have made public statements that you are looking into "anyone hired at the Port with a criminal record." You stated in your press release, "While I continue to have confidence in the Port's merit system, we must listen to the concerns of our community and ensure that our government is hiring qualified workers deserving of the taxpayer's dime." You further stated in this same press release that "An additional audit of the Port will help us understand the Port's hiring process and the measures they take to provide our people the gold standard of public service." Your senatorial colleague recently took issue with your inquiry spanning five years prior. She suggested that your legislative investigation cover all of the Port's hiring dating back to Fiscal Year 2010.

Madam Chair, in order for us to uphold the new Platinum Standard to which we have achieved at the Port Authority of Guam, we have compiled a listing of all of the Port's hires beginning in Fiscal Year 2010 present. Please be assured that we will address your legislative concerns with this matter and any other matter you hear concerning the Port. We are committed to doing so in the interest of maintaining our present high level of transparency and accountability.

Therefore, this letter requests that you highlight any individuals on the listing provided who you heard are criminals. Identifying these criminals you have heard about will permit us to focus our attention solely on those you have heard are criminals hired at the Port. We will then work to obtain all pertinent records thereof. Anything short of pinpointing any specific individual you have heard is a criminal hired at the Port implies that ALL Port employees hired during this time frame have criminal records.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Si Yu'os Ma'ase!

Respectfully

Rory J. Respicio General Manager

Enclosure

CC:

PAG Chairman and Board Members Speaker and All Senators SENATOR TELENA CRUZ NELSON

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