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Honorable Benjamin Cruz Speaker 34<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagatna, Guam 96932

Dear Speaker Cruz:

Last year, GFT met with Director Mabini and her staff, and it was brought to our attention that the Department of Labor for GovGuam has a position for a person to inspect GovGuam Departments and Agencies to ascertain hazardous positions; that warrant the GovGuam Employee performing that job to receive Hazzard pay.

However, Director Mabini candidly said in our meeting, and it was stated in the media, that the position for a Department of Labor Employee to perform the job of inspecting and making such entitlement to hazard pay has not been funded by the Department of Labor for years! This is wrong; as while it does cut back on what GovGuam pays in compensation to its employees by not having someone to do the inspections and determinations, it wrongfully cheats those employees who are performing hazardous work for the Government and the people of Guam from receiving the fair and just compensation they are entitled to by Guam Law.

GFT urges that you please ensure that the Guam Department of Labor fund that position and has someone employed to perform this important duty and responsibility for the coming Fiscal Year.

If you or your staff have any question(s) regarding this request by GFT please contact me at 735-4390 or daniel@gftunion.com at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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