



GUAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

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THE HONORABLE THERESE TERLAJE
Speaker
I Mina' Trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Guam Congress Building
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Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: Emergency Session to Address Liquid Fuel Tax Proposals

Håfa Adai Speaker Terlaje and Members of the 36th Guam Legislature,

The Guam Chamber of Commerce writes today regarding your upcoming emergency session to address lowering or eliminating the liquid fuel tax for Guam. Acting to lower or eliminate the liquid fuel tax will provide direct relief to the average citizen who lives on our island. This act is nondiscriminatory and every person that drives a car, motorcycle, moped, truck or cuts grass will experience a savings at the gas pump upon purchase of fuel. The crisis of super inflation will continue to get worse before it gets better. Our residents deserve to receive support and relief from our government as many state governments in the continental United States have done for their residents.

As stated in past testimonials which you have on file, our economy has been burdened by a number of challenges that have impacted the cost of living in recent years. Compounded by the ever rising cost of fuel, food, shelter, power and water, we are seeing the toll it is taking on our community and it is imperative that our government representatives stand up and do something to help relieve the pressure of living with high gas prices.

The private sector has taken on much economic burden while the government of Guam has not felt the economic sting of losing a job, shifting work hours, or closing a business. It is time for compassion for the people that you serve and time for immediate action to do something that will benefit the entire community. No one will have to qualify for this, no one will have to provide tax documentation to prove loss of economic activity. All you have to do is come together as a body to serve your constituents -the people of Guam.

We urge all of you to put aside political rhetoric and do what is right for the people – agree on giving relief for the citizens of Guam at the gas pump. Lower the liquid fuel tax today.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

Sincerely,

CATHERINE CASTRO
President