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## **PANGELINAN ASKS CONGRESSWOMAN TO SECURE FUNDING FOR GOVGUAM REGULATORY AGENCIES**

**FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE – HAGÁTÑA (May 25, 2010)** – Senator ben c. pangelinan (D), Barrigada, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance and Land wrote a letter to Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D), requesting that an amendment be included in the FY2011 Defense Authorization Act that requires a percentage of military construction projects to be covered over to the government of Guam as reimbursement for direct and indirect expenses incurred by departments and agencies related to the military expansion on Guam.

“By default, the government of Guam is funding the work of local regulatory agencies to investigate, plan and regulate activity related to the military buildup. In this respect, the Federal government treats Guam like an advanced industrial nation, such as Japan that has the ability and authority to print money. We are a tiny island with limited resources that cannot afford to fund all the additional local regulatory activity required as a result of the bilateral agreement between the United States and Japan” said the Chairman of the Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land Committee.

According to the Guam Realignment Report issued on February 1, 2010, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) charges a Supervision, Inspection, and Overhead rate of 6.2% to each customer for construction management services on projects outside the continental United States. The interagency charges applied by NAVFAC recover costs of the contracting office for managing each individual construction project.

In the same report, the Department of Defense Inspector General notes that the Guam realignment will be one of the largest movements of military assets in decades.

Pangelinan concluded “I am sure that the Congress will agree that it is unreasonable to assume Guam can afford to absorb additional unfunded regulatory activity related to the military expansion of this size which is why I am requesting the Congresswoman to include an amendment to provide funding to Guam.”

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