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PANGELINAN QUESTIONS SINCERITY OF ONE GUAM, GREEN GUAM

FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE – HAGÁTÑA (May 26, 2010) – Senator ben c. pangelinan (D), Barrigada, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance and Land wrote a letter to Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment) calling on the Department of Defense (DOD) to re-evaluate their final expansion plans to ensure that the spirit of President Obama's One Guam, Green Guam concept is truly achieved.

"All of the current signals from the Department of Navy are that green energy technology will be built behind the fence with no benefit to the people of Guam. I don't think this aligns with President Obama's concept of One Guam, Green Guam." said pangelinan.

In the letter, senator pangelinan also questioned the Navy's sincerity because of all the errors in the Draft EIS and lack of solutions to mitigate the burden to Guam. Last year, both the Legislature's Office of Finance and Budget and Dr. Claret Ruane, an economist with the University of Guam in an analysis of the economic benefits stated in the DEIS independently concluded the dollar amounts were grossly exaggerated and erroneous by a margin of between 75-125% which prompted pangelinan to write a letter to the Navy requesting a more accurate and thoughtful study on the additional tax revenues resulting from the military expansion plans presented in the Draft EIS. The Joint Guam Program Office responded "I understand your interest in ensuring that the information is accurately forecasted for future economic planning, but it would be beyond the scope of our EIS."

Pangelinan concluded "This type of response from the Navy is typical. In March, Admiral Willard told a congressional committee "we own Guam" and prior to that, Brigadier General Owens called Guam an "unsinkable aircraft carrier." One Guam, Green Guam should be more than just lip service. We are more than a strategic rock in the Pacific to be used and abused by the Department of Defense. This military expansion should be a true partnership where the military and the Federal Government show appreciation for the sacrifices being made by all the people of Guam by helping to improve our quality of life."

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