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Programmatic Agreement will be a Problematic Agreement to Protecting our Cultural Resources

FOR IMMEDIATE NEWS RELEASE – HAGÁTÑA (August 30, 2010) – Senator vicente "ben" c. pangelinan (D), Barrigada, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance and Land stated his strong opposition in a letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Joe Duenas and Guam State Historic Preservation Officer, Ms. Lynda B. Aguon on the current language, time given for review, and comment period in the Programmatic Agreement (PA) between the Department of Defense (DOD) and signatory parties, the Guam State Historic Preservation Office and government of Guam agencies such as the Department Chamorro Affairs, the Guam Museum and Guam Preservation Trust.

In his letter, Senator pangelinan expressed his dissatisfaction with the lack of legislative and general public review stating, "I am **opposed** to signing this PA in its present form, particularly before the general public has an opportunity to see the agreement and present their views and comments. "

In a the comprehensive letter, the Senator outlined his concerns and areas that need revision to and deletion of sections of the PA.

"This Programmatic Agreement, if signed in its present form, will become a problematic agreement for the people of Guam as we struggle to preserve and protect our historical resources and its impact on the survival of our Chamorro culture." states Senator pangelinan.

He **strongly** urges the signatory parties to refrain from signing the PA until the general public and policy makers have the ability to critically review and comment on this pressing and consequential issue. There is no regulation mandating the PA be signed prior to the Record of Decision (ROS) and any incentives being presented to entice signatures is another attempt by DOD as "bait" and "switch". Senator pangelinan also offered to hold public hearings for the general public to have access to and make comments of the PA.

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