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SENATOR PANGELINAN SEEKS TO PROTECT GWA CONSUMERS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - HAGATÑA (June 2, 2010) – Senator Vicente “ben” pangelinan (D), Barrigada has expressed his dissatisfaction with the decision made by the Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) to back bill rate payers based on their procurement of faulty backflow preventers and malfunctioning transponders.

In a letter to GWA’s General Manager, Dr. Len Olive, Senator pangelinan states, “The decision to install backflow preventers rests with the consultants, vendors and the GWA management team that authorized and approved the new meters and their installation.” He recommends that the GWA seek revenue restitution from the vendor and he’s confident that this litigation would prove successful.

There has been an inundation of concerned citizens who call Senator pangelinan’s office disturbed by the requirement to pay for the malfunctioning system. The trust of the GWA consumer has become scathed and they seek the protection from lawmakers and existing laws. It was not the choice of the consumer to have the new digital meters installed therefore it shouldn’t be their responsibility to pay for it.

“I am not in support of this attempt to recover the revenue losses from the innocent customer base of GWA” states the veteran Senator. GWA needs to seek financial reprieve from the vendor and not the already burdened consumer.

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