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Press Release

PANGELINAN CALLS FOR UNIFIED COMMITMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-April 2, 2009- Minutes before yesterday's legislative session adjourned, news of the Attorney General's opinion on Bill 1(2-S) was received by Senator ben c. pangelinan (D), Barrigada. The opinion gives Governor Camacho the green light to sign Bill 1 (2-S) and return to Federal District Court to assure Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood that he will move to sell the first series of landfill bonds.

"We're halfway home, now its time for the Governor to join the Legislature and do the right thing," remarked pangelinan, referring to the need for the Governor to sign Bill 1 (2-S) and demonstrate a commitment to move to sell the bonds. If the Governor uses the authorization to sell landfill bonds, he must also issue bonds to pay court ordered COLA and tax refund obligations as well.

Pangelinan went on to praise and thank his fellow Democrats, "I want to commend my colleagues that showed great courage and commitment to ensure that the COLA and tax refund obligations were not compromised." The two Bills authored by the Camacho administration proposed to allow the priority of payments to the people owed refunds and COLA awards to fall behind the landfill. "This was not only unacceptable, but irresponsible and hurtful to the people," stated Senator pangelinan.

Pangelinan concluded by saying "Now that the landfill crisis has a direction there must be a unified commitment to end the government's current financial crisis. On behalf of all government employees and the rest of the people of Guam, I am committed to working day and night to find solutions that will alleviate the fear and stress inflicted upon the hard working government employees over the last two weeks."

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