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Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
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Dear Governor Leon Guerrero,

Thank you for your August 8, 2019 letter. Guam is critical to our nation's strategy to project power in the Indo-Pacific region while strengthening our alliances and partnerships. I assure you that the Department of the Navy is committed to continued collaboration to advance the mutually beneficial *One Guam* and *Net Negative* policies.

Thank you for providing the Guam Economic Development Authority's (GEDA) "Report on Potentially Releasable Federal Lands" dated June 2019. I have designated the Commander, Joint Region Marianas (CJRM), to serve as the Navy's agent in managing and adjudicating the *Net Negative* policy in accordance with Section 2847 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (NDAA 2019). As a result, CJRM has established a Joint Land Use Group (JLUG) charged with reviewing the use of all parcels specified in NDAA 2019, identifying additional parcels that should be considered, and making recommendations on whether each parcel should be returned to the Government of Guam. CJRM has also designated the Regional Community Plans and Liaison Officer as his personal representative to work hand-in-hand with GEDA on this issue.

Since January 2011, the Navy has returned three parcels of land to the Government of Guam and is currently transferring an additional ten parcels for a total net negative footprint of 734 acres. As you noted, NDAA 2019 affords the opportunity for additional parcels of land to be added to the Public Inventory of Guam Land Parcels for transfer to the Government of Guam. Several of the parcels listed in GEDA's report are already in the process of being transferred. The JLUG will review all remaining parcels listed in the request for return consideration. I will follow up with a formal response before February 4, 2020, the timeline required by NDAA 2019.

In keeping with the *One Guam* policy, we support more efficient use of the limited land resources to balance both military and civilian needs. I am committed to working with you for the efficient and timely return of appropriate lands for the benefit of Guam.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Spencer", is written over a horizontal line.

Richard V. Spencer