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A STATEMENT REGARDING THE ROD FROM THE GUTIERREZ AGUON GUBERNATORIAL TEAM

The Democratic gubernatorial team of former Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez and Senator Frank Aguon Jr. issued the following statement in reaction to today's release of the Department of the Navy's Record of Decision:

“As the only organized U.S. territory ever occupied by an enemy power, our island knows the cost of freedom and the heavy heel of tyranny. Though we are working with Speaker Won Pat to conduct a detailed analysis of the Record of Decision, we remain supportive of a buildup process that is fair, balanced, and based on mutual respect. Many of our concerns remain unaddressed. Pagat is a historic site that must be protected! Five Hundred and Sixty Million Dollars in vital infrastructure funding still remains unidentified, and the impact of the buildup on our healthcare system, tourism economy, and regulatory agencies deserve more than a cursory review. Failure to represent and safeguard the interests of the people of Guam is simply not acceptable.

Although DoD officials have said that the creation of the Civilian Military Coordination Council will mitigate the buildup's many challenges, this Council is strictly advisory and has no decision-making authority. Guam must have meaningful input! This is why we support the Guam Legislature's passage of Resolution 30-444 and its belief that the success of the buildup rests primarily in the federal government's willingness to work with Guam's people. Together, we will make Guam's case with the federal family, the Whitehouse, and Congress if necessary. With a unified Team Guam approach, we will secure the resources Guam needs. Together, we will be a strong presence in the nation's Capitol until our entire community enjoys a better quality of life.”

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