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The Honorable Esmond R. Moses
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Honorable Members of the 23rd FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Re: Kosrae Senator-Elect Yoslyn G. Sigrah

Dear Mr. Speaker and Members of the 23rd Congress,

Greetings of Lenwo to you and the members of the 23rd Congress.

It has been brought to my attention that your Credentials Committee has its report ready to report out in today's plenary session. I have also been briefed that while the report favors the credentials of the Chuuk Senator-Elect, the report does not favor the credentials of the Kosrae Senator-Elect.

This is the first time in the history of our congress election in the State of Kosrae, that our Senator-Elect credentials were not received favorably by members of the Credentials Committee. It is also our understanding that dissenting members are from Yap, Pohnpei, and Chuuk. The three states of Yap, Pohnpei and Chuuk, in essence, chose not to honor the will of our people, many of our people who found their ways to each polling places in the State of Kosrae and off-island polling places to cast their votes.

This office now puts forward its full support behind the credentials of our Kosrae Senator-Elect Yoslyn G. Sigrah. The people of the State of Kosrae made their choice, check-marked her name in the ballots on Election Day. Our people of Kosrae voted and elected her as their Kosrae representative to Congress. The qualifications and credentials of the Senator-Elect were approved by Kosrae State Election Office, further approved and certified by the National Election Commission.

At the end of this session, our Senators to Congress will report back to the people of Kosrae, including this office to brief us on the outcome of the congressional session. The same goes to the other senators from the three states of Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Yap. They will be meeting their own constituents. None of the senators from the other three states

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"WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE WELLBEING OF OUR PEOPLE AND KOSRAE"

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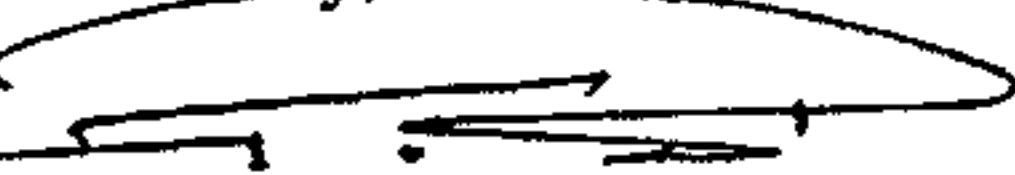
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will be coming to Kosrae to acknowledge us and to brief us. We expect our representatives to Congress to work closely with us.

The votes by the people of Kosrae, if not honored, will demoralize Kosrae voters to participate in future national elections. If the election result from Kosrae is not upheld by the Congress, this will set bad precedents. The power to choose Kosrae senators to Congress remains with Kosrae. On July 4th, Kosrae voters spoke. They elected Yoslyn G. Sigrah. On July 10th, the national election office certified her as the winning candidate. There was no challenge to the Kosrae Election results.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that Congress respect the will of the Kosraean people and accepts Ms. Sigrah's credentials as a rightful member of the 23rd Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Sincerely,


Tulensa W. Palik
Governor

CC: Speaker Phillip
Acting Chief Justice Salik
Lt. Governor Nena