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To : Hon. Semeon J. Phillip
Speaker, 13th Kosrae State Legislature

From : Edmond Salik *ES*
Acting Chief Justice

Subject : Recommendation
Re: Governors nomination to Rev. Chang William

Greetings,

Kulo kaksakin God Fulatlana lasr ke moul lasr kwewa ac ke wolana lal El se nu sesr pacl nukwewa.

Since this is my first communication to you after your inception into office, I solemnly salute you and all the Honorable members of the 13th Kosrae State Legislature. Congratulations!

I write in response to a letter from your committee on J&GO soliciting comments on the governor's nomination for Rev. Chang B. William to be the Chief Justice of Kosrae State.

I am in total support of this nomination. The nominee was the former Chief justice of Kosrae State over the past six years until August of las year. I came into office to serve with him on the second half of his term in office. With that, I have a keen knowledge of his ability as a judge as well as a leader Subject nominee is a very good leader. According to every response I received from my interview with some of my co-workers at the Judiciary Btanch, everyone wishes for his return. Rev. William possesses the attributes of a good judge, being independent, unmoved by who the parties are or any other influence He is impartial, treating every person before him equally. Always neutral and applies the rules of the court and the law fairly. His knowledge of the law is unquestionable: Few years back he was the sole sitting judge around FSM who passed the FSM BAR Examination.

Mr. Speaker, if I may include my response to three inquiries by Sen. Jackson into this writing. These include General Court Order authored by nominee, conflict cases, and my comment on a

specific case decided by the nominee while he served as the Chief Justice. According to findings by the court AO, there was no GCO, few conflict cases where he recused himself because of close relationships and his involvement in some cases which he assisted while he was a trial counselor before becoming a judge. I want to apologize that I am not certain about the last inquiry because we are independent in our dealings with our cases.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain this will not satisfy all the questions that the committee will need answers to and I hope that if further clarification or information is needed, I can be summoned to provide my input.

God Bless You All!

Kulo na ma lulap

Xc Hon. Artson Talley, Chairman J&GO

Hon. Lyndon Jackson, Member

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