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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary
United States Department of Labor
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Dear Secretary Chao,

I write to respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) increase its activities on Guam with respect to providing funding for job and vocational training programs for the island's residents. An increase in job training programs available for Guam's residents will yield significant benefits for the United States Government and will be vital to the island's continued economic development.

Guam will shortly receive a significant amount of investment in the form of infrastructure improvements to the island's military bases and to civilian public works. This investment is scheduled pursuant to a bilateral agreement reached last month between the United States and the Government of Japan that will result in the relocation of elements of the III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) from Okinawa, Japan to Guam over a period of at least ten years beginning as soon as 2008. This agreement includes a total commitment of up to ten billion dollars for a wide range of construction projects during that time to be financed jointly by the governments of the United States and Japan.

It is essential for the federal government and the Government of Guam to begin preparing now to be able to meet the labor and training requirements associated with the relocation of U.S. military forces to Guam. Guam's current job and vocational training programs are struggling to provide students with the training and skills needed to compete in the modern workforce.

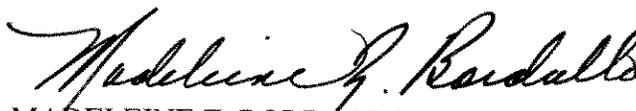
I am committed to working to ensure that Guam's contractors, its workforce, and the island as a whole benefits fully from this planned investment in infrastructure improvements on our island. An increased investment in job and vocational training on Guam by the DOL will go far toward developing a first class labor force on the island that is ready to meet the needs of the increased military construction.

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I hope that the U.S. Department of Labor will increase its funding for programs on Guam and that you will work with us in preparing Guam's workforce for the opportunities that lie ahead.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to working with you on this matter.

Sincerely,

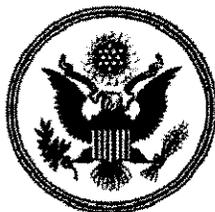

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