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The Honorable James Moylan
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Moylan,

This letter is from the **Guam Homeless Coalition**, representing 26 non-profit organizations dedicated to advocating for the needs of the vulnerable populations on our island. **As our representative in Congress, we urge you to take immediate action in opposing the harmful cuts to federal programs under the Trump Administration that are jeopardizing the very lifeline for those most at risk of homelessness.** We stand in strong opposition to the proposed reductions in force and funding, as they disproportionately affect individuals who face systemic barriers to housing and economic stability.

With nearly **30% of Guam's population living at or below the federal poverty level**, the stakes are alarmingly high. This statistic alone highlights the vulnerability of our residents, many of whom are a single crisis—such as a job loss, hospitalization, or even a vehicle breakdown—away from entering homelessness. We implore you to stand up for the thousands of Guam residents who are already at risk and advocate against the proposed cuts that threaten to push them further into poverty and homelessness.

The **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** is facing some of the most severe budget cuts, impacting its ability to provide the affordable housing solutions and supportive services that communities like ours so desperately need. In the past decade, we've seen the housing shortage on Guam grow increasingly dire, and without adequate federal support, these cuts will worsen an already challenging situation for our most vulnerable populations. **Your leadership in Congress is critical in ensuring that HUD programs continue to support those in need, both on Guam and across the country.**

For **FY25 and FY26**, Guam's homeless programs are set to receive nearly **\$1.8 million** from HUD to fund initiatives such as the **Guam Continuum of Care**. These funds provide essential housing and services to **veterans, homeless youth, the elderly, disabled individuals, and survivors of domestic violence**. In addition, any proposed cuts to **Medicaid**, which serves as a vital healthcare safety net for many of our low-income families, would only exacerbate this crisis. These programs are not just lifelines—they are often the only means by which individuals can regain a foothold in our economy and society.

The members of the **Guam Homeless Coalition** fight tirelessly every day to provide hope, guidance, and essential services to our most vulnerable neighbors. We help individuals navigate a complex system to find stable housing, improve their health, access education, and enter the workforce. We are hopeful that, as our representative, you will be our voice and our ally in Congress to advocate for the preservation of these life-saving programs. **Please oppose continued harmful cuts, halt harmful terminations of good public servants, and ensure the continuation of federal support for those who live at a disadvantage.**

Si Yu'os Ma'ase for your time and attention to this urgent matter for the people of Guam.

Sincerely,

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