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Hafa Adai Director Peredo:

Our office has been approached by several officers of the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA), who have expressed their concerns that a contract for communication devices was recently canceled, hence leaving the officers without a secured device. Just as we expressed our concerns with Adelup recently that officers at the Department of Corrections (DOC) were placed in danger without secured communication devices, we are concerned that a similar predicament is being placed with officers at CQA as well. Since we are prioritizing public safety, the question we have is if this was being done as a cost savings decision, or does the agency have alternative options that they are seeking.

We would like to sit down with you to see how the Guam Legislature can assist CQA, particularly with assuring that your agency is able to successfully fulfill its objectives. I support your endeavors, and just as the community will agree with, we want you to succeed, specifically with this battle against the drug epidemic. Our office recently introduced Bill 245-35 to provide entities as CQA the opportunity to expeditiously hire peace officers, and we hope to get your feedback. Likewise we are working on some other means to seek out finances to help your agency beef up safety measures at all port of entries.

I appreciate your time, and as stated above, would like to meet with you. If any questions arise, I can be reached at senatormoylan@guamlegislature.org or at 922-6673. Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

James C. Moylan
Senator, 35th Guam Legislature