



# SAIPAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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August 6, 2018

The Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan  
U.S. House of Representatives  
423 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 6578 - "Northern Marianas Islands U.S. Workforce Act" (to amend Section 6)

Dear Delegate Sablan:

We are writing to you as the collective voice of the business community on Saipan. Our Chamber comprises more than 160 private businesses, government agencies and nonprofit organizations. As our island is small and remote, our Chamber takes great measures to work with our whole community as we are interdependent upon each other. Our workforce issues not only affect our business ventures, but our entire economy.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce supports your introduction of H.R. 6578 to U.S. Congress. The economy of our island is growing steadily, as is our need for U.S. qualified workers. The introduction of your bill is a positive step in resolving this need. The changes outlined in this bill would provide an avenue for existing foreign workers to remain in the CNMI to support our businesses. Their experience and proven work records are an asset to our companies in a time when employee turnover rates are high.

We very much appreciate your effort and attention to our workforce issues.

Regards,

Velma M. Palacios, Chamber Board President