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The Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Sablan:

The Department of Labor received your letter regarding the eligibility of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' (CNMI) government employees for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Section 2102 of the CARES Act authorizes the PUA program, which, in general, provides benefits to individuals who are unemployed as a direct result of COVID-19 and are not eligible for regular unemployment compensation. For this reason, CNMI government employees—whose unemployment is a direct result of COVID-19—are eligible for PUA benefits.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs at (202) 693-4600.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Wheeler".

Joe Wheeler
Deputy Assistant Secretary