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The Honorable Sihna N. Lawrence
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Dear Director Lawrence:

I write to you with concern in relation to your duties as the Director of the Department of Treasury and Administration (DOTA) of the Pohnpei State Government.


We are both aware that the position of Director of the DOTA is very important to the existence of the State Government. It carries duties that are extensive and substantial, and so, without a competent and knowledgeable person handling this post, we would not be able to function in an efficacious manner. Now, when we think of competent and knowledgeable, we mean a Director who is focused on carrying out the leadership duties required of this post.

Maing Director, given the progress of matters as it relates to financial issues and in relevance to the reapportionment or formula of revenue sharing from the National Government and with the implementation of the Compact Three funds, I would suggest you give serious devotion to matters of State Finance as I believe that there are unsettled issues of reimbursement of our funds at the State Treasury. While I would not consider

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that it has anything to do with incompetence from your end, I understand that you are a member on several boards and commissions, such as the FSM Trust Fund Board, the Board of the Bank of the FSM, and the Board of Directors of the Pohnpei Port Authority. I believe that there may be others that are not known to the Legislature. If I may, I would encourage you to consider resigning your membership on these Boards to allow you time to be fully focused on your duties of being a Director of the Department of Treasury and Administration.

Ni wahu,


Ricky Carl
Chairman
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cc: Speaker, Eleventh Pohnpei Legislature
Members, Finance Committee, Eleventh Pohnpei
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