



Homeland Security

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The Honorable Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao
Chairman
Committee on Public Safety, Emergency Management,
and the Guam National Guard
Guam Legislature
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Dear Mr. Gumataotao:

Thank you for your February 6, 2025 letter to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requesting the inclusion of the Philippines in the Guam-Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Visa Waiver Program.

DHS remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring the safety and security of the American people. This includes rigorous efforts to determine whether individuals seeking admission to the United States are eligible and pose no threat to national security or public safety. The Department conducts thorough screening and vetting to prevent exploitation of the immigrant and nonimmigrant visa processes, including identifying and, when necessary, denying entry to high-risk travelers. DHS will continue to evaluate how programs like the Guam-Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Visa Waiver Program align with President Trump's mission to secure our borders and restore integrity to our immigration system. Your support for including the Philippines in the program will be taken into consideration as DHS continues this assessment.

Thank you again for your letter. Should you have any additional questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at dhs.iga@hq.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristi Noem", with a long, sweeping underline.

Kristi Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security