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The Honorable Diego T. Benavente  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Eleventh Northern Marianas  
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Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

This letter shall serve to inform you that Executive Order 97-3, an order that transfers the Registrar of Corporations from the Attorney General's Office to the Department of Commerce, becomes effective on January 12, 1998.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Froilan C. Tenorio".

FROILAN C. TENORIO

cc: Acting Attorney General  
Acting Secretary of Commerce  
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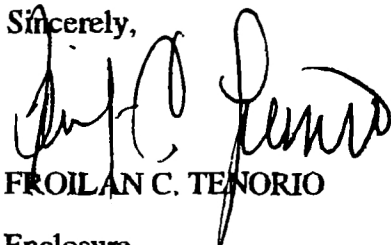
Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

I am transmitting with this letter Executive Order 97-<sup>3</sup>~~2~~, an order that would transfer the Registrar of Corporations from the Attorney General's Office to the Department of Commerce.

From the beginning of this Administration almost four years ago, one of our goals has been to streamline the operation of Government and to provide better services to the public. In furtherance of this goal, both the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Commerce concur that a transfer of the Registrar of Corporations from the Attorney General's Office to the Department of Commerce will simplify and integrate the process of establishing new businesses within the Commonwealth. Given that the major purpose of the Registrar of Corporations and the Business License Office of the Department of Commerce are substantially the same, it makes sense to integrate those functions within one office.

I concur with the assessment of the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Commerce and therefore, I respectfully request that the Legislature move forward as quickly as possible in acting on this Order.

Sincerely,



FROILAN C. TENORIO

Enclosure