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Thank you Willie for that great introduction.

When Willie came to my office in the Capitol, he told me about the conservative policies that the CNMI have implemented.

When I met with the Governor, he told me about his proposals to pass a flat tax and school choice for children.

When I played golf with Ben, Eloy and the Speaker in Houston, they told me about the attempts of the Clinton Administration to kill prosperity on the islands.

And when one of my closest and dearest friends, Jack Abramoff, your most able representative in Washington, DC, invited me to the islands, I wanted to see firsthand the free market success in the CNMI and the progress and reform you have made.

Even though I have only been here for 24 hours, I have witnessed the economic success of the CNMI and I have witnessed the friendship and good will of its people.

As a former small businessman, I know firsthand the struggle you face. I decided to run for Congress because I knew that government has become a cost of doing business. Washington red tape and regulations strangle economic growth and opportunity.

In the case of the CNMI, liberals in Washington and the Clinton bureaucrats are intentionally trying to kill economic freedom and return the CNMI to the days of welfare dependency. Well I believe in the invisible hand of the marketplace, not the visible foot of government.

You are up against the forces of big labor and the radical left. The Clinton Administration wants to scare you into destroying your own economy by raising the minimum wage, which any sensible economist - and the Hay Group in particular - would tell you will destroy the lives of the people here.

They tell you that your defeat is inevitable. That the Clinton forces will prevail against you.

Well, those people never thought they would lose power in DC. They spent hundreds of millions of dollars to steal back the Congress in 1996. They lied about us (much as they lie about you). They ~~scared~~ senior citizens. But the truth won out.

Now, many of these same liberals – who boldly proclaimed they would take back the House – are retiring, realizing that history and the American people have no intention of turning over their rights and freedoms to Washington labor unions and liberal government bureaucrats.

They did not prevail in the election and they will not prevail in the fight for freedom in the Marianas, unless you let them.

Dick Armey – the Majority Leader – and I pledged to you in a letter this year that we would not pass any legislation that would allow the federal government to take over the CNMI, its immigration or minimum wage. I want you to pledge to me that you will not arbitrarily surrender your self determination to these bureaucrats.

And another thing. I keep hearing about some bureaucrat in the Clinton administration by the name of Stayman. Pardon me, but does this man have a vote in the United States Congress? I don't think so.

Stand firm. Resist evil. Remember that all truth and blessings emanate from our Creator. God Bless you and the people of the Northern Marianas.