



*The President*  
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*Federated States of Micronesia*

July 14, 2023

Rep. Aumua Amata C. Radewagen  
Chair  
Indo-Pacific Task Force  
House Committee on Natural Resources

Rep. Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan  
Co-Chair  
Indo-Pacific Task Force  
House Committee on Natural Resources

Dear Task Force Chair Radewagen and Co-Chair Sablan:

Thank you for your invitation to testify on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, on the Biden Administration's Proposed Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2023. I am pleased to designate as the representative of the Federated States of Micronesia our Chief Negotiator in the Compact talks, Mr. Leo Falcam, Jr. Mr. Falcam has been our Chief Negotiator since 2019 and will be an outstanding representative of our Government at the upcoming hearing.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your leadership on advancing this important legislation through the U.S. Congress. The U.S. and the Federated States of Micronesia enjoy an extraordinary close relationship that continues to deepen through our broad diplomatic, economic, and military partnership and the steadfast support of the United States for the FSM's economic development and self-sufficiency. U.S. Government economic assistance to our Government is essential, and we request expeditious consideration of the package pending before Congress. An end to U.S. support at the end of September 2023 would create an unprecedented economic and political crisis for our country and our people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wesley W. Simina".

Wesley W. Simina  
President

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