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PRESS RELEASE

The CHamoru Land Trust Act was established to restore the Chamorro homelands unjustly taken by the United States federal government between 1898 and 1968. At the heart of the CHamoru Land Trust Commission (CLTC) is a vital mission: to provide residential and agricultural land to eligible beneficiaries through leases. This effort not only seeks to rectify past wrongs but also aims to empower our eligible beneficiaries.

In response to a significant civil lawsuit involving the United States of America v. Government of Guam, the eligibility for the CLTC land lease program has expanded. Now, CLTC focuses on individuals and their descendants who once owned or occupied the lands taken by the federal government. This expansion underscores our commitment to inclusivity and justice for those who have been historically marginalized.

However, since the beginning of the 38th Guam Legislature, the CLTC land inventory has come under threat from various legislative proposals that could diminish its availability. It is crucial to understand that reducing our land inventory significantly compromises our ability to offer justice to eligible beneficiaries.

The CLTC Board of Commissioners carries the important responsibility of ensuring our actions reflect the highest standards of integrity for the benefit of our beneficiaries. With an application waiting list exceeding 8,800 individuals, it is imperative that our land resources are not treated as discretionary or political assets. We invite those interested in CLTC land to reach out, but let us be clear: our foremost mission is to provide land leases to eligible beneficiaries, allowing them to create homes and sustainable farms. This is a critical opportunity to secure food independence and stability for families within our community.

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