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The Honorable Roger F. Wicker
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
Senate of the United States of America
425 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Wicker,

Thank you for agreeing to see me last Wednesday afternoon if the Senate remained in session.

I wanted to thank you for the language you said you would include in the NDAA to ensure citizens of the states freely associated with the U.S. recruited by the U.S. military in our islands receive the healthcare they are entitled to after their service if they return home, as intended by last year's law strengthening the associations, enabling them to endure.

I am writing now to ask you to do everything you can to ensure that language for this purpose is in the final NDAA.

I am proud that Palau is helping to preserve peace in the Pacific and further prosperity in both of our nations as the "part of the homeland" closest to the PRC for U.S. military facilities and activity. I also have every confidence that both will benefit from your visiting Palau to understand the need and the challenges we face countering the CCP dictatorship.

With appreciation and friendship,

Surangel S. Whipps, Jr.
President of the Republic of Palau

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