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Statement on Davis v. Guam

Hagåtña, Guam - This morning, the Office of the Governor was informed by Attorney Michael Phillips that the United States Supreme Court rejected his filing.

While this decision was a disappointment, it was not unexpected. All attorneys involved advised of the small likelihood that the Court would entertain the petition as well as the risks involved if the Court had taken up that petition. Despite this fact, pursuing other alternatives to preserve our voice in Guam's self-determination effort required that all appellate options were exhausted.

But there is an alternative. Draft legislation, which will attempt to meet the narrow holding of the 9th Circuit Court, will be forwarded to Senator Therese Terlaje in an effort to continue the momentum that the Commission on Decolonization has generated for the past year. This important work will continue until Guam's native inhabitants have cast their votes for self-determination.

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