



## COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**Benigno R. Fitial**  
Governor

**Timothy P. Villagomez**  
Lieutenant Governor

The Honorable Ray LaHood  
Secretary  
c/o Joel Szabat  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast  
Washington, DC 20590

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**Subject: Certification Under 1201 of The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Title XII, section 1201 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (P.L. 111-5 (Feb. 17, 2009)) ("ARRA"), I **Benigno R. Fitial**, the Governor of the **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**, hereby certify to the Secretary of Transportation that the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will maintain its effort with regard to State funding for the types of projects in DOT "covered programs" funded under the ARRA. The enclosure list of DOT "covered programs" identifies the amount of funds the State plans to expend from State sources from February 17, 2009 to September 20, 2010, for the types of projects under the DOT "covered programs" funded under the ARRA.

I understand that if the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is unable to maintain the level of funding identified in this list of the types of projects under the DOT "covered programs" funded under the ARRA, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will thereafter be prohibited by the Secretary of Transportation from receiving additional limitation on obligations for Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs that occurs after August 1 for fiscal year 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Benigno R. Fitial".

BENIGNO R. FITIAL

Attachment

**ATTACHMENT**

List of DOT “Covered Programs” that the CNMI plans to expend from state sources from February 17, 2009 to September 30, 2010.

- 1. **Highway Infrastructure Investment**  
Federal Highway Administration - \$3,620,000.00