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**Speaker Terlaje commends PARS for successful advocacy for 2-year extension to RECA**

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Speaker Terlaje extends her thanks to Pacific Association for Radiation Survivors (PARS) for their work in getting a 2-year extension for the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA).

“For over 20 years PARS has put forth education campaigns, solicited community input to tell the stories of Guam radiation survivors, partnered with community groups in other impacted jurisdictions and lobbied Congressional leaders to include Guam in RECA. Thank you to PARS President Robert Celestial and PARS members, past and present, who have tirelessly advocated for Guam’s inclusion in RECA and this two-year extension to RECA. This extension gives us more time to continue pushing for the passage of S. 2798 and H.R. 5338. I continue to be fully committed and engaged in ensuring the bills in both the House and the Senate are passed. These bills would finally secure the justified compensation and benefits our island radiation survivors need. The \$150,000 for each cancer patient or survivor would help offset the exorbitant costs of treatment in Guam and improve our island’s overall access to healthcare opportunities,” stated Speaker Terlaje.

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