



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable Kunio Lemari
Acting President
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960

Dear President Lemari:

The U.S. Department of Energy and, in particular, those of us involved with the Department's medical and environmental monitoring programs in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) were saddened to hear of the recent passing of President Amata Kabua. This is a significant loss to your country, and we wish to express our sincere condolences at this time of great grief for the peoples of RMI.

President Kabua was a man of exceptional talents and foresight, and we will all miss him greatly. We wish you and your Government the courage to face this great loss and to find a way to carry on the great work that was the cornerstone of President Kabua's administration. Please express our sympathy to his wife and family on our behalf.

The Department's commitment to continuing our partnership with the Marshallese people in planning for and delivery of medical and environmental services remains strong. If my office can be of assistance during this important period of transition for you and the members of the Nitijela, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Banny de Brum, Embassy
of RMI
Foreign Minister Phillip Muller, Ministry
of Foreign Affairs
Kessi Note, Speaker of the Nitijela

