

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Anthony J. Blinken  
United States Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C St, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Re: Visa Issuance for Mr. Daniel Suidani

Dear Mr. Secretary,

We understand that Mr. Daniel Suidani, the former Premier of Malaita Province, Solomon Islands, has applied for a short-term visa to visit the United States, and is scheduled for an interview in Suva, Fiji on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Mr. Suidani has been invited by the NGO NIA TERO to meet with thought leaders in Honolulu, Washington, D.C., New York, and Seattle to share his experience of indigenous environmental guardianship. He has also been invited to participate in the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues taking place in New York from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2023.

Having had his application turned down once, we strongly encourage the timely issuance of the visa. Please provide your full and fair consideration of this request consistent with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Aumua Amata Coleman  
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Member of Congress

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Member of Congress