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Senator Shawn Gumataotao issued the following statement on the State of the Island Address as recently delivered by the Governor of Guam at the Guam Congress Building:

“History will certainly be the judge of the work of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero.

There were different parts of her Fiscal Year 2027 policy plans shared in tonight’s speech that I completely disagree with.

The Governor said that she was proud to report Guam is stronger today than it was seven years ago—with a government that truly serves the people.

Why is it that visitor arrivals remain well below pre-pandemic levels? Why does it seem like we have more homeless Guamanians, illegal drugs, abandoned vehicles, stray dogs, and many more challenges today than seven years ago? Why hasn’t a new hospital been built during the last seven years? Why are GMHA facility repairs happening only during the final year of this Administration? Has a new Simon Sanchez High School been built? Why does the list of businesses shutting their doors continue to grow while the Administration is reportedly proposing to increase the cost of government by an additional \$90 million next fiscal year? Is our collective priority to grow the government instead of supporting economic growth? I say NO!

There is, however, one thing we can agree on. Governor Leon Guerrero and I both love our island so very much. I remain committed to continue working with the Governor of Guam and her Cabinet for the balance of our terms in service to all the people of Guam.”

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