



October 22, 2024

The Honorable Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker
37th Guam Legislature
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

Dear Speaker Terlaje:

Hafa Adai! This letter is to express extreme disappointment with the behavior on the floor of the Guam Congress Building today by Senator William A. Parkinson.

The community is aware that Emergency Sessions are an important part of your Standing Rules-called by your Office signaling to the Legislative Branch of Government and our island community certifying that an emergency exists in the US Territory.

Bill 355-37 was being discussed-a serious call to address an emergency presented by a lack of funds for critical government agencies and their inability to run just 22 days into the Government of Guam's Fiscal Year.

The lewd and immature act by a sitting Senator, minutes into deliberations, in response to words shared by a Senator and member of our Party is reprehensible. We are hoping that your Office will respond quickly to counsel Senator Parkinson for his actions, which we believe is conduct unbecoming of an elected official in Guam.

This lewd act was witnessed by and corroborated by our island Mayors-elected by the residents of our 19 Districts, which has resulted in a strong response from Mayors Council of Guam President Jesse LG Ali.

We all must work together to solve the many problems facing our island today and continue to strive for collegiality in the face of challenging times in the service to all the people of Guam.

Sincerely

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Vice Chairman