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**BILL 112-36 COR**

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Honorable Senator Terlaje,

I do not support Bill 112-36 COR as written.

Why? I am a resident of Guam and a licensed physician on Guam since 1990 in private practice and credentialed at GMHA. I have not been ever sued for malpractice in the States or Guam as I have maintained the standard of care for my patient's. In contrast, there are many cases of patient care at GMHA that have not maintained the standard of care. Yet, GMHA has allowed physicians with documented history of recurrent malpractice continue to be employed and work at GMHA due to political and personal connections. GMHA credentialing and privileging of its physicians does not require or follow Stateside requirements of maintenance of competency (MOC) through the various ABMS/ABS (American Board of Medical Specialists/ American Board of Surgery) to facilitate the maintenance of the standard of care in medicine. This has allowed physicians employed by GMHA to continue practice their specialty without any oversight beyond self policing that has been corrupted by bias, politics and favoritism.

Currently GMHA is significantly subsidized by tax dollars without meeting any core benchmarks to maintain the standard of care or to improve administrative fiscal status. This is due to intrinsic medical staff and administrative deficiencies that have yet been corrected since 1990. The bill as written will only result in greater tax liability for malpractice settlements to the People of Guam and will not facilitate maintaining the standard of care for the People of Guam nor will it facilitate improvement in administrative oversight at GMHA. The only thing this bill will accomplish is a greater tax liability to the People of Guam with an increase cost of medical care on Guam without enhancing the standard of care on Guam.

Respectfully,

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