

**BILL 112-36 TESTIMONY INFO HEARING 2**

Thank you senators for allowing me to offer testimony for the support of Bill 112-36.

When we discuss the lack of medical negligence accountability of Guam doctors due to the MMMAA, lets be clear, a lack of accountability leads to a level of arrogance that makes Physicians think that they can do or say what they want and that results in Apathy. I am not saying that all Guam doctors fall into this category, as Guam has great doctors, but it's perceived as part of the overall Guam Medical Culture. I have experienced it firsthand. Even though the Bill 112 is about the private sector, the issues impact medical care at GMH as well where doctors do not have accountability.

The Guam Memorial Hospital allows doctors to walk free if they hurt someone thru medical negligence as does the MMAA. It does not matter if the doctors are at GMH, GRMC, SDA or any private clinics, Apathy is the end product of a lack of accountability, just like with our kids. If they are not held accountable for their actions, they will repeat them and not worry about consequences. They will become apathetic. It's a basic tenet of being responsible and accountable.

The Guam community knows this through experience and about 3500 people signed a petition to change the MMMAA law. Let me read some of their comments to you, the silent voices I referred to in the last meeting speak out here.

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Tiffany Uson

I am signing because this shit needs to end

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Vera Dela Cruz

It is a long time coming and so overdue. We are people, too. Do the right thing.

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Ernest Ochoco

Doctors should be accountable on Guam.

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Kasi Leon

They should be held accountable for malpractice and false claims.

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Miro Inta

It's the right thing to do. I had two surgeries. First one was their mistake and completely didn't fix the issue. Second surgery was to actually fix my issue. Now I have my gallbladder and appendix removed. Boy it was a mess and I couldn't do anything but forget it.

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Quinno cruz

the reason why that bill was implemented is for their own medical agenda. and think of it why did the govt of Guam agreed to pass that law. it's all so clear on their intention . it's all about \$\$\$

the forced arbitration that is the system they built just so they can protect their own interest of making money!!!

disgusting!

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Beatrice Reyes

I have personally experienced poor medical/ health care.

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Josie Flores

Healthcare workers need to be held accountable for any wrong doings and that is the rightful thing to do. Otherwise workers will continue to malpractice and innocent lives are at stake and people will continue to get hurt.

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Gloria Bukikosa Tennessen

We need to protect patients like my niece Francine Clement. ❤️

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Francine Clement

I am signing because of the horrendous treatment I received at GRMC. Even with video proof I could not get a lawyer to take my case because there was a conflict of interest. Very few malpractice cases on Guam because of relations to the owners/admin at GRMC. Then after months of recovery and months of trying to find a lawyer, the 1- year statue of limitation expired. We need more protection and more time. I fought cancer, was grossly mistreated at GRMC, was dismissed by both boards (which consists of their peers) and then let down by the laws that protect malpractice.

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Margaret Johnson

The malpractice law only protects the doctors, NOT THE PATIENTS & FAMILIES.

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Maryann Aquilizan

All doctors and medical professionals must be held accountable for their actions. Patients and their families place their trust in you.

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Jim Mansfield

I was injured by GRMC and it was medical malpractice.

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Christina Bautista

My mom was killed at GMH.

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Pejman Gouniai

I'm signing this because We all need to take a stand against those doctors who are abusing the system for their gain.

Doctors are for-profit, just like any other business, and they should not be treated differently for their negligence and mistakes.

They should be held accountable, like the rest of us equally.

They accept money in exchange for diagnosing or treating any illness we may have, therefore when we pay for and rely on their diagnosis and treatment and they should be held responsible for any misconduct, misdiagnosis and wrong treatment.

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Sharon Molina

It's TRUE. A Dr. there made a wrong diagnosis of my condition, it could have caused complications or my death. Am off island.

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Rosario Perez

My grandson recently died at GMH due to doctor's and nurse's incompetence.

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Brian isaac

People should have the right to file a malpractice claim without having to first go through arbitration.

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Julian Briola

I don't believe this is right for an arbitration to take place! For a citizen who is wronged, a proper place is a court of law with all the evidence to prove guilt or innocence and not in a conference room slighted towards the complainant. This is just another way of "adult bullying!"

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Nichol Flores

I am a victim of this Medical Malpractice. And i want justice.

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AbbyMarie Pablo

For ZECHARIAH Jose Antonio Cruz!

RIP my angel! An innocent victim at the negligence hands of a Doctor protected by My Government.

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Catherine Elbo

Please sign and share. I know this will not bring back the love ones we lost but it can help future victims. They need to be responsible for their malpractice and negligence... they should value our life and not experiment on it.

FOR SHOTI and PIMPAS PAULO

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I know what goes on behind those closed doors. I've seen it first hand when a patient was injected with the wrong medication which was intended for another patient.

Yes! These doctors and nurses are well protected by malpractice law. That is why our government should remove the law that shields these people from any wrong doing and make them pay for their mistakes.

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Aquamaid Aquamaid

My sister was died in this hospital. Many questions

That couldn't n still can not be answered.

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Alberta santiago

Families should have that right to fight for the wrongdoings of professionals whom are trusted!!

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Jerrica Reyes

I feel so sorry for the families who have lost their loved ones due to poor health care. Doctors on guam seem to always rush when they see their patients... Like it doesn't matter to them that us n our kids health are in danger!

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Gary materne

This law is ridiculously useless to the people! Any law that places the burden on the innocent is hogwash and should be abolished. I fully support removing this law and replacing it with something that fully supports the consumers.

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Ellen Cloyed

Arbitration is an expensive process and should never be mandated by the government.

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Beth Pascua

I am signing for anyone who has fallen victim to malpractice while their doctors are not held accountable. Asher Dean Lubofsky & many other victims, as well as their families need justice.

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Jay Narruhn

I dont trust Guam's doctors. I loss my homie because the doctor was a dumb ass

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Richard Leon

Don't need to be more sick and dead because GMH hires low end doctors who cater outside business to reap more Salary.

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George Delgado

This is not only wrong but sick and all you crap doctors need to be held responsible.

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Emilia Abando

I am signing this petition because I do believe that why should we fork out thousands of dollars for arbitration when we already suffering due to a loss! It doesn't make sense

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Mark Brady

Someone should be responsible for the negligence.

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Christina De Plata

In 2011, my father contracted a superbug while in the care of GMH. The ordeal at GMH left him having to recover from over 90% muscle atrophy. My heart will forever be with the families of other patients who never made it out of GMH.

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Francisca Torre Sablan

My mom was a victim to malpractice & were trying to get justice as well , but it's costing an arm and a few legs just to get the justice she deserves .

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Ryan Salas

It's time our doctors are held responsible and accountable.

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Rita Fortus

I'm signing this petition because I am a victim of Medical Malpractice also!!  
Someone has to do something about it!!

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Troy Torres

Because the legislature should do what's right and...

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There are many many more comments. People want change. They want to be protected. They want doctors who are repeat malpractice performers to be identified. They want to change the Guam doctor mindset, whether outside of GMH or inside the hospital, that they must put patients first and be held accountable for it.

A doctor who sleeps all night when a child is dying puts his needs first, or a doctor who refuses to go in to see a baby as she gets sicker and sicker leading to her death are the very definition of death by apathy and medical negligence due to not being accountable. How many must die? As of now, its estimated that 10 per month die on Guam from medical negligence. I predict more do, as there is no accountability here.

PLEASE IMPROVE GUAM HEALTH CARE AND GET RID OF THE MMMAA. PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM, ESPECIALLY THE SILENCED VOICES.

Thanks,

David Lubofsky, Voice of Asher Dean Lubofsky

