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The Honorable Régine Biscoe Lee
Senator
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Dear Chairwoman Lee:

In our effort to improve the services and facilities at the Guam Memorial Hospital, my office submitted two bills, which the Committee on Rules referred to the Committee on Appropriations. Five months later, these lifesaving GMH bills have yet to be discussed by the people of Guam and the 15 Senators elected to listen to and promote democratic discussions that move us toward a solution. As the Chairwoman on Rules, it is within your authority to pull Bills 141-34 and 142-34 and refer them to another committee.

Just last year, the Rules Committee acted on several bills that had not been given a public hearing. In the words of Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr., "No one senator could ever have that kind of power, we are a deliberative body, our people elect 15 senators and so we must work in that fashion."

Speaker BJ Cruz is singlehandedly stalling public discussion on the bills. He says he wants to hear the voice of the people. How do you do that if there is no public hearing?

As such, I am requesting that you exercise your authority as Rules Committee chairwoman and move Bills 141-34 and 142-34 to a committee where a public hearing can be held. As a result, the community can come together to understand better, the issues at the hospital, what has been done to improve their situation, and the plan to improve its aging facilities as well as build the financial stability it so desperately needs.

A University of Guam poll showed that healthcare continues to be a priority for the people of Guam. Therefore, a discussion on the island's only public hospital is necessary if we want to bring a solution that is truly endorsed by the people of our island.

Office of the People
Senator Régine Biscoe Lee
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Senseramente,

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