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Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
33rd Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Place
Hagatna, Guam 96932

Dear Madam Speaker,

I respectfully disagree with your reasons denying students, teachers, and citizens a forum to redress their grievances against the Guam Education Board. I implore any and all members of the Legislature to demonstrate leadership and hold the board accountable.

I appreciate your commitment to the Legislature's internal standing rules. Rules are meant to keep order in any setting. Madam Speaker, I am not asking you to disrupt order at the Department of Education. In fact, the department is in such disarray that I am asking you to start the process of putting it back in order by holding its top entity accountable to follow something greater than internal rules of procedure: laws and ethics regarding transparency, and due process.

The Guam Education Board is not providing any answers. The members who voted to oust Jon Fernandez claim to want transparency, then hide behind their publicly-funded attorney who prevents the release of information to the public who pays him. Their oversight chairwoman is complicit in the effort to fire Jon and refuses to provide the public with an outlet to voice their minds.

Something has got to give here. A grave injustice has occurred, and I can't be the only elected official holding the banner on this. Our people expect for their officials to stand up for them, especially when power is being abused by rogue and runaway entities. The Legislature has the authority to hold this board to account. Please exercise that authority, or allow another senator to do so.

Sincerely,


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