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### **Senator Fisher Files Ethics Complaint Against Sen. Parkinson** *Parkinson did not disclose conflict of interest regarding membership in same political organization as alleged perpetrator of criminal activity*

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Hagåtña, Guam - Sunday, April 2, 2023 – Senator Thomas J. Fisher filed an ethics complaint with the Legislative Ethics Committee on Friday, March 31, 2023, against Senator William Parkinson. The complaint references Resolution 67-37, which calls for the establishment of a Special Investigation Committee to probe into alleged criminal activity performed by “Mr. J.J.” who is a member of the Progressive Democrats of Guam (PDG). Parkinson is an officer of the PDG but never disclosed this fact to the Guam Legislature, a violation of Guam law.

***“Senator Parkinson didn’t reveal his relationship with the Progressive Democrats of Guam and never recused himself. He debated in opposition to the Resolution and voted against it despite having a personal and professional connection to the PDG, which means he would benefit from the resolution’s demise. This is a clear cut case of conflict of interest and a violation of Title 4, Guam Code Annotated §15205,”*** Senator Fisher said.

According to the statute, conflict of interest may exist when an official action directly effects a business or undertaking in which the official has an interest.

***“Criminal activity is occurring and one of our sitting senators appears to not only condone it but may be connected to it and ethically compromised by it. It’s time to expose the truth. The voting public wants and more importantly, deserves transparency. I’m going to give it to them,”*** Fisher stated.

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