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A statement from Senator Thomas J. Fisher to the People of Guam: “As Senators, we don’t just write laws – We need to follow them, too!”

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HAGATÑA, GUAM —Yesterday, Senator Taitague was served a Writ of Mandamus from the Office of Attorney Rachel Ayuyu— Mandamus is a law remedy that allows a court to order government officials to perform their public duties.

This legal action follows a FOIA request submitted to Senator Taitague on June 28th, which required her to produce public records of her text conversations with Attorney General Douglas Moylan, as referenced in her legislative testimony. Senator Taitague has not complied with this request and further refused to accept the legal documents, an act that is both illegal and indicative of her reluctance to fulfill her legal obligations regarding transparency and accountability.

"It is deeply troubling that Senator Taitague refused to comply with a lawful request for public records, especially those pertinent to her official duties and testimony. Transparency is a cornerstone of our democracy, and any attempt to obstruct the public's right to information is unacceptable. I hope Senator Taitague finds competent legal representation to navigate this case, and I urge her to comply with the law for the sake of public trust and integrity. Her actions are clearly illegal and may well be criminal." said Fisher.

Senator Fisher's lawsuit emphasizes the essential nature of transparency and accountability within the government. Senator Taitague's non-compliance with the FOIA request not only constitutes a violation of the law but also undermines the fundamental principles of open governance that the people of Guam rightfully expect and deserve.

"If she fails to comply with a FOIA request by me, a sitting Senator, then she will not follow a FOIA request by you— the People of Guam! Think about that, Guam," added Fisher.

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