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**STATEMENT FROM SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**

“Over the last day and a half, I have received inquiries regarding whether I am involved with a potential conflict of interest violation with the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority. I have reached out to my mother and siblings, who confirmed with me that they are not landlords of any property that is being rented to GHURA. To put this matter to rest, I also contacted GHURA Director Mr. Ray Topasna, who clarified to me that I am not an individual who is currently being sought by GHURA for re-payment.

As Chairwoman on the Committee on Public Accountability, I strive to ensure that public funds are used for its intended purpose, and that there is not even the slightest perception of impropriety. As Speaker of this Legislature, I urge all my colleagues, that should there have been an oversight on their part with regards to any alleged conflict of interest, I hope that these funds are repaid immediately as I can confidently state that this body will NOT stand for the Government of Guam bearing the cost of repaying these funds to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.”



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