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Statement from the Guam Women's Chamber of Commerce in response to Dr. Vince Akimoto's interview on KUAM's "The Link" Thursday, August 27, 2020:

The Guam Women's Chamber of Commerce is incensed by Dr. Vince Akimoto's personal attacks on Dr. Janna Manglona, Central Medical Director at the Department of Public Health & Social Services. Dr. Akimoto made disparaging, misogynistic statements about Dr. Manglona on KUAM's "The Link" on Thursday, August 27th. He used language that was dehumanizing and completely uncalled for; hate speech that would normally be censored by a broadcast station. Uttered one day after the centennial anniversary of women's suffrage, Akimoto's profanity made it clear that women still have to fight for equality in today's professional environment, as it is fairly obvious he would not have uttered such derogatory epithets at a male colleague.

Normalizing this type of language is part of the reason we have such high rates of crimes against women in our community. While this pandemic has brought out passionate disagreement from both the medical and business community on how to handle the rampant spread of COVID-19 throughout our island, the GWCC expects professionals to keep their discourse and dissent civil and productive. Anything less is not helpful to this pandemic situation or to the people of our island and causes unnecessary division. Let's stand together in inafa'maolek and in the solidarity of the women's suffrage movement to advance equality in the island's economic, societal, and cultural platforms. Guam Women's Chamber of Commerce:

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