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HON. JONVIC C. REMULLA

Secretary

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)

Quezon City

Thru. : **HON. ARNEL M. AGABE**
Regional Director-Region VIII

Subject: **Appeal for Strengthened Inter-Agency Coordination on Road
Infrastructure Projects and Prayer for Immediate Withdrawal of
DPWH Department Order No. 73, s. 2014**



Dear Secretary Remulla,

Warm greetings!

We respectfully submit herewith our **Appeal/Position Paper** calling for strengthened inter-agency coordination in the planning and implementation of national road infrastructure projects. We believe the active participation of local government units (LGUs) and barangays is indispensable to ensure that right-of-way (ROW) management, drainage works, environmental safeguards, and livelihood concerns are addressed in a fair and inclusive manner.

We also earnestly pray for the **immediate withdrawal of DPWH Department Order No. 73, Series of 2014 ("Prohibited Uses Within the Right-of-Way of National Roads")**, which has generated confusion and conflict at the grassroots level. This policy has unintentionally put barangays and LGUs in difficult positions, as they are often left to mediate between national directives and the realities of community needs and local development priorities.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government plays a vital role in ensuring that governance remains responsive and participatory. We are confident that under your leadership, DILG can help bridge national policy with the voices of communities, safeguarding both public order and sustainable local development.

We look forward to your kind support and guidance on this urgent matter.

Thank you, and we wish you continued success in advancing genuine local empowerment and effective governance.

Very truly yours,

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Chairman and CEO