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**HON. BERNARDO RAFAELITO ALEJANDRO IV**

OIC-Administrator

Office of Civil Defense (OCD)

Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City

Thru. : **HON. LORD BYRON P. TORRECARION**  
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 Administrator Alejandro,**

Warm greetings!

We respectfully submit herewith our **Appeal/Position Paper** urging strengthened inter-agency coordination in the planning and implementation of national road infrastructure projects. As our country continues to face the increasing threats of flooding, landslides, and other climate-induced disasters, it is imperative that infrastructure development integrates comprehensive risk reduction measures, including proper drainage systems, slope protection, and community safeguards.

We also respectfully pray for the **immediate withdrawal of DPWH Department Order No. 73, Series of 2014 ("Prohibited Uses Within the Right-of-Way of National Roads")**. This policy, while well-intentioned, has created confusion and hardship at the community level. It has often left barangays and LGUs to manage conflicts arising from ROW restrictions, without adequate support mechanisms for disaster preparedness and local adaptation.

The OCD, as the implementing arm of the NDRRMC, is in a unique position to ensure that **infrastructure policies are harmonized with disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) strategies**. We believe that your leadership can help foster an inter-agency framework where national road projects not only serve mobility and economic goals but also strengthen community resilience and reduce disaster risks.

We look forward to your favorable consideration and continued guidance in advancing risk-informed governance and climate-resilient infrastructure.

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Chairman and CEO

