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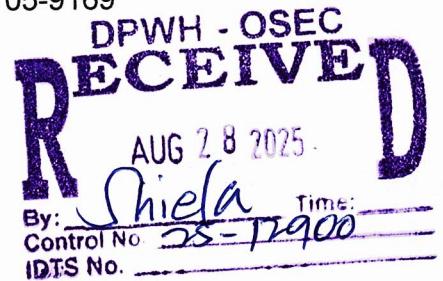
**HON. MANUEL M. BONOAN**

Secretary

Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)

Bonifacio Drive, Port Area

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**Subject: Appeal for the Immediate Withdrawal of DPWH Department Order No. 73, Series of 2014, and Submission of Position Paper on Strengthened Inter-Agency Coordination in Tacloban City**

**Dear Secretary Bonoan,**

Warm greetings!

On behalf of **PH Haiyan Advocacy, Inc.**, a community organization of Super Typhoon Yolanda survivors, we respectfully submit the attached **Position Paper entitled "Appeal for Strengthened Inter-Agency Coordination to Promote Efficient and Effective Delivery of Public Service in Tacloban City."**

The paper conveys our observations and recommendations on the implementation of road right-of-way (ROW) policies, particularly under **DPWH Department Order No. 73, Series of 2014 ("Prohibited Uses within the Right-of-Way of National Roads")**. While we recognize the intent of ensuring road safety and mobility, the Order's blanket prohibitions have unintentionally undermined community-based greening programs, disrupted ongoing environmental initiatives, and created conflicts with the mandates of other national agencies.

In this light, we **respectfully appeal for the immediate withdrawal of Department Order No. 73, s. 2014**, and for the conduct of a **joint inter-agency review** with DENR, DOT, DOTr, DOE, DILG, and OCD to formulate a harmonized ROW management framework. Such a framework would safeguard mobility and safety while also advancing environmental sustainability, energy resilience, disaster preparedness, and tourism development—consistent with the broader vision of making Tacloban City a model of climate resilience.

We are confident that under your leadership, the DPWH can take the lead in ensuring that infrastructure development becomes a catalyst for inclusive, resilient, and well-coordinated public service delivery.

Thank you very much, and we look forward to your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

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