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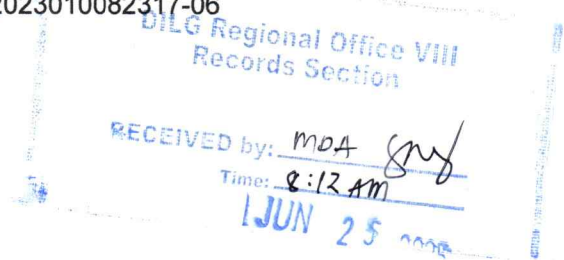
24 June 2025

HON. ARNEL M. AGABE

Regional Director

Department of the Interior and Local Government – Region VIII

Tacloban City



Subject: **Endorsement of Letter to DILG City Director Giva and Request for Regional Oversight on Tacloban City's Non-Compliance with CFCMP Mandate**

Dear **Director Agabe**,

Warm greetings!

We respectfully submit for your information and appropriate regional action the attached letter addressed to DILG Tacloban City Director Engr. Visitacion V. Giva, CESE, concerning the continued failure of the Tacloban City Government to formulate and adopt a legally mandated Comprehensive Flood Control Master Plan (CFCMP), in violation of multiple national laws and issuances.

As documented in our enclosed correspondences with the City Government from March to June 2025, **this protracted inaction despite Tacloban's status as a Highly Urbanized City and its long-standing vulnerability to extreme weather events raises urgent concerns about local governance, public safety, and compliance with the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act, the Climate Change Act, and relevant DILG and DPWH directives.**

Given the seriousness of the issues involved and the implications for disaster preparedness and community resilience, we respectfully request your good office's close oversight and support in **ensuring the immediate initiation of a formal compliance review and audit, and the imposition of appropriate enforcement actions where warranted.**

We also respectfully ask: Will the DILG Regional Office consider undertaking a broader review of the compliance of all cities and municipalities in Region VIII with respect to the formulation and adoption of their respective flood control and disaster risk reduction master plans? Given the vulnerability of our region to typhoons, flooding, and climate-related hazards, a region-wide compliance audit would serve as a timely and strategic intervention to strengthen local resilience and uphold the public's right to safety, information, and responsive governance.

We trust in your leadership to uphold the rule of law and safeguard the welfare of Tacloban's most vulnerable citizens. We likewise reaffirm our commitment to work collaboratively with your office and other concerned agencies in the pursuit of inclusive, science-based, and accountable local governance.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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PETRONILO "PETE" L. ILAGAN

Chairman and CEO
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Enclosure:

Letter to DILG City Director Visitacion V. Giva, CESE, dated 24 June 2025
Letters to Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez

Cc: Hon. Jonvic Remulla, DILG Secretary
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