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Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing

Chairperson
Committee on Ecology
House of Representatives
Quezon City

Dear Chairperson Suansing:

Thank you for the invitation to comment on HB 2286 or the Establishment of Waste-To-Energy Facilities Act, which seeks to lift the ban on incineration, at the TWG on December 7. The Joint Foreign Chambers of the Philippines (JFC) has long advocated the amendment of RA 8749 or the Clean Air Act to allow for clean incineration.

The proposed legislation is consistent with one of *Arangkada's* 470 recommendations to allow the use of non-polluting clean incineration. Among other benefits, it can help address the perennial problem of flooding due to garbage clogging our waterways and flood control systems.

While we support modern incineration, we also advocate thorough recycling of waste followed by incineration of residual non-recyclable waste. Such projects will produce materials that can be used in manufacturing new goods for domestic use or export and for use in construction, while the incineration will yield gas for electricity generation and solid materials. This is an excellent alternative to landfills.

We recommend the insertion of the language provision, Section 2(d) of RA 9003 or the Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, to the bill under committee consideration should contain, which states:

“(d) Ensure the proper segregation, collection, transport, storage, treatment and disposal of solid waste through the formulation and adoption of the best environmental practices in ecological waste management excluding incineration;”

It is important that extensive recycling should precede incineration of waste.

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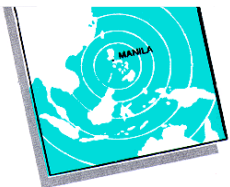
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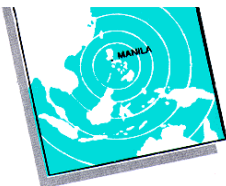
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