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April 13, 2018

**President Rodrigo Roa Duterte**  
Republic of the Philippines  
Malacañang, Manila



To: **Salvador C. Medialdea**  
Executive Secretary

AUSTRALIAN-NEW ZEALAND

**Secretary Adelino B. Sitoy**  
Presidential Legislative Liaison Office



CANADIAN

Dear **President Duterte**:

We, the undersigned business organizations, request for your office to certify for immediate enactment Senate Bill No. 1754 or "An Act Amending Commonwealth Act No. 146, otherwise known as the Public Service Act, as Amended, and for Other Purposes." This will urge the Senate to prioritize the approval of SB 1754 on second and third reading before the Senate adjourns *sine die* on June 1, 2018.



EUROPEAN

The House of Representatives approved this vital piece of economic legislation, House Bill No. 5828, on September 8, 2017. The Senate version was sponsored by Senator Grace Poe, Chair of the Senate Public Services Committee, on March 20, 2018. However, due to the many items in the Senate's agenda, the bill was not considered for approval on second reading before adjournment



With the Senate on a nearly two month recess, there will only be eight session days left before the legislature adjourns its second regular session. Your certification of the bill as urgent is therefore very important for the Senate to prioritize the measure and assure rapid passage on third reading before it adjourns on June 1.



There is a public necessity to enact this bill as it will open ownership and operation of the telecommunications and other sectors by removing them from the list of public utilities. It will facilitate the entry of a third telecommunications player, as you have set as an urgent administration priority. More importantly, it can stimulate substantial foreign investment, bringing in much needed capital and technology into the capital-intensive telecommunications and transport sectors. Further, the amendments will update several provisions in the Public Service Act thereby enhancing public service and consumer welfare.

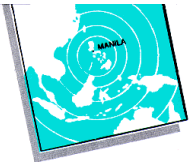
Thank you. We look forward to your office's action on this matter.



JAPANESE



KOREAN



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Sincerely yours,

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