



June 25, 2021

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte  
Office of the President  
Malacañang Palace  
San Miguel, Metro Manila

Dear Mr. President:

We, the 15 undersigned presidents of Philippine business groups and foreign chambers, write again respectfully to request your support for legislation before our Congress.

In July of 2019 and 2020, we wrote to share a list of 28 legislative measures that 13 of the undersigned groups agreed to prioritize and advocate for before the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress.

As we enter the 3<sup>rd</sup> final – and shorter – regular session of the 18th Congress, we understand that not all of these measures will pass. However, we greatly appreciate that, of the 28 measures, two have been signed into law and eight more have been identified in the LEDAC Common Legislative Agenda (CLA) as measures for passage by the end of 2021.

Therefore, the undersigned would like to share with you the list of 17 measures that constitute legislative priorities we hope to see passed in the remaining months of the 18th Congress. The list includes:

1. Amendments to the Foreign Investments Act <sup>1, 2</sup>
2. Amendments to the Public Service Act <sup>1, 2</sup>
3. Amendments to the Retail Trade Liberalization Act <sup>1, 2</sup>
4. Department of Disaster Resilience <sup>1, 2</sup>
5. Department of Water Resources Management <sup>1, 2</sup>
6. Ease of Paying Taxes
7. Electric Vehicles and Charging Stations
8. Freedom of Information <sup>2</sup>
9. National Land Use and Management <sup>1, 2</sup>
10. Open Access in Data Transmission <sup>2</sup>
11. Philippine Creative Industries
12. Promotion of Digital Payments
13. Public Private Partnership <sup>2</sup>
14. Rural Agricultural and Fisheries Development Financing System<sup>1, 2</sup>
15. Secrecy of Bank Deposits Law amendments

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<sup>1</sup> Measures in the LEDAC Common Legislative Agenda

<sup>2</sup> Measures in the PBG-JFC 28 priority bills


- 16. Tax Reform Package 3: Property Valuation and Assessment Reform<sup>1, 2</sup>
- 17. Tax Reform Package 4: Passive Income and Financial Intermediary Taxation<sup>1, 2</sup>


Most of these bills have reached advanced stages in Congress and require counterpart action in the House or Senate. The above list also includes 8 measures, which we have supported since the start of the 18th Congress, prioritized in the LEDAC CLA.


With one year left in the current Congress, we believe that these 17 measures are achievable reforms that will generate substantial impact in achieving our shared vision of inclusive growth through job generation, poverty reduction, and global competitiveness. These reforms will also support economic recovery and higher GDP growth in 2022 and beyond in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

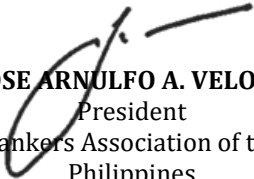
We will continue to work with Congress and your administration in support of these remaining reforms as we look forward to your sixth State of the Nation Address.


Sincerely yours,

  
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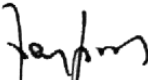
  
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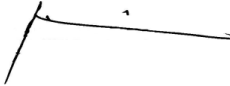
  
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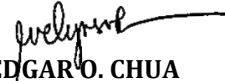
  
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Attachments:

1. July 8, 2019 PBG-JFC letter to President Duterte
2. July 15, 2020 PBG-JFC letter to President Duterte
3. Tracker for original list of 28 PBG-JFC priority bills submitted in 2019 and 2020

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