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February 18, 2015

Hon. Ronald M. Cosalan

Chairperson, Committee on Public Works and Highways House of Representatives Quezon City, Philippines

Dear Chairman Cosalan:

Re: Joint Foreign Chambers-Philippine Business Groups Statement on BOT Law Amendments

The Joint Foreign Chambers (JFC) is a coalition of the American, Australian-New Zealand, Canadian, European, Japanese and Korean Chambers in the Philippines and the Philippine Association of Multinational Companies Headquarters, Inc. We represent over 3,000 member companies engaged in over USD230 billion worth of trade and some USD30 billion worth of investments in the Philippines. The JFC seeks and promotes the creation of an investor-friendly environment in the Philippines as a means to achieve inclusive growth. In many of our advocacies, such as this present letter, we are joined by leading Philippine business groups, and we may also join them in theirs.

We write to express support on the swift enactment of amendments to the BOT Law in order to sustain investor confidence by institutionalizing the processes that have improved the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) program over the past four years.

The private sector is cognizant of the great need for massive infrastructure investments to support and boost the growth of the Philippine economy. We recognize that the government's Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Program provides the framework by which infrastructure development can be accelerated and properly tendered to interested and capable parties.

While the PPP Program encountered some difficulties in its initial stages, it has since begun to catch up, with high-impact projects being steadily rolled out, catching the attention of domestic and international investors.

We call on government to swiftly enact the amendments to the BOT Law that will institutionalize the PPP Center and its processes, which we believe will further strengthen our PPP framework and prevent hindrances to the implementation of critical public projects.

Thank you very much and we look forward to continued partnership with you in the future.

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