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February 9, 2015

Hon. Romero S. Quimbo

Chairman Committee on Ways and Means House of Representatives Quezon City

## Dear Chairman Quimbo:

We write to express support for the position taken by the Department of Trade and Industry on House Bill 2942– Tax Incentives Management and Transparency Act (see attached).

We are not aware of any country in the world that includes the amount of fiscal incentives granted in its annual appropriations law. Incentives are granted for private purposes and not for public purpose as intended by the amounts in the appropriations law.

We are also concerned that the requirements imposed under the bill would cause additional burden to foreign investors and will not be good for the country's national competitiveness. Besides, many of the documents required are already available in the concerned government agencies as submitted by investors.

Mr. Chairman, thank you for considering our views.

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Regards,

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Attachment: Position Paper of the Department of Trade and Industry on House Bill No. 2942 entitled, "An Act Establishing a System for Tax Incentives Management and Transparency, and for Other Purposes"