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Philippine Association of Multinational Companies Regional Headquarters, Inc.



March 11, 2015

**HON. CESAR V. SARMIENTO**

Chairperson  
Committee on Transportation  
House of Representatives  
Batasan Hills, Quezon City



**Dear Congressman Sarmiento:**

**AUSTRALIAN-NEW ZEALAND**



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.

We write to express support for Senate Bill 2486 allowing foreign vessels to transport and co-load foreign cargoes for domestic transshipment which was approved by the Senate on third reading on February 23, 2015 and transmitted to the House of Representatives.



**EUROPEAN**

Under Section 1009 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, passengers or cargo arriving from abroad via a foreign vessel may only be carried by the same vessel through any port of entry to the port of destination in the Philippines. It also states that cargo intended for export may be carried in a foreign vessel through a Philippine port.



**JAPANESE**

Senate Bill No. 2486 will pave the way for lower production costs for Filipino producers and entrepreneurs by allowing importers and exporters to co-load in foreign ships going in or out of the Philippine jurisdiction.

In view of enhancing the Philippine maritime transport industry, the JFC requests your Committee to conduct deliberations on the counterpart bills in the House.



**KOREAN**

Thank you. We look forward to continued collaboration with you in pursuing reforms that would help attain our goal of inclusive economic growth and development for the Philippines.



**PAMURI**

Regards,



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President

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of the Philippines Inc.



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Chairperson, Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship