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HON. ANTONIA "TONI" YULO-LOYZAGA Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources DENR Bldg., Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

Dear Secretary Yulo-Loyzaga:

Greetings from the People of Occidental Mindoro!

Several low-lying areas in our province which are adjoining rivers are prone to heavy flooding especially this rainy season, thus, resulting to damaged crops, houses and other forms of livelihood. People in these communities have long been crying for solution to this perennial problem. Copies of resolutions and letters from various barangays in the province are attached herewith for your reference and perusal.

As part of the disaster prevention and mitigation program of our province, we have planned to launch river waterways clean up to clear the identified river mouths of silted materials and sediments so that the natural flow of water from upstream can pass through the river deltas with ease, thus, preventing it from rampaging through adjoining farm lands and residential communities during heavy rain. However, with limited resources, our Provincial Government cannot afford to push through with the program without the technical assistance of private proponents willing to undertake the project. The planned program comes with no funding from the Provincial Government and the private proponents' return on investments will be through their commercial utilization of the cleared materials.

The planned program is only limited to the clearing of river mouths and does not involve clearing of the river channels. Private proponents willing to undertake the project will necessarily go through the required procedure and secure the necessary documents and permits prior to their operation.

Accordingly, we are respectfully asking for your consent and guidance for the realization of the said significant program. We hope that this request merits your favorable consideration and action in the spirit of public service. We may be reached through Mr. Mario D. Mulingbayan Jr., PDRRM Officer, with cellphone number 0919-0937680.

Thank you and warm regards.

Very truly yours,

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