



Student Council

De La Salle University

To: Philippine House of Representatives

From: De La Salle University – Manila, Student Council

Greetings in St. La Salle,

The 1987 Philippine Constitution recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and seeks to instill nationalism and patriotism in the youth. In line with this, the Student Council of De La Salle University-Manila has sought to have an active role in the betterment of our nation.

The events of the past two months have shaken the sentiments of many of the nation's people. The youth, in particular, has been awakened by these events. As members of the youth, the future of this country is of paramount importance to us. We are the immediate heirs of this nation's legacy, a claim to the oldest democracy in Asia, but that very claim has been jeopardized by the current political crisis.

We firmly believe that our country has potential; however, we need a solid foundation to achieve that potential. Yet, the present political crises mirror the structural problems that have impeded our progress and have lingered for the past decades. We cannot simply move forward blindly. Before we leap into solving the problems of tomorrow, we must first solve the issues that confront us today.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's "lapse of judgment" highlights the need for change in our political system. However, a superficial change of system is not the answer to our woes. The core of our problems lies in the values that we exhibit. Let us not make this a precedent for future indiscretions by public officials. Let us not create a culture tolerant of the lack of accountability, a culture that is a haven for liars, cheaters, and thieves.

As concerned citizens of this country and as members of the youth sector, we implore you to place the welfare of our embattled nation before any partisan interests. We ask that you endorse the amended impeachment complaint against President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. The current political crisis places our nation in the shadows of doubt and uncertainty. The impeachment process is the constitutionally mandated process that will bring out the truth whether or not it favors the President and thus will shed light upon our embattled nation.

As elected officials, you are bestowed the trust of your constituents and the responsibility to place their welfare above all other things. You have the power to enact change. We urge you to use this power responsibly and wisely.

Sincerely yours,

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