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HONORABLE LOREN B. LEGARDA

Chairman, Committee on Climate Change
Senate of the Philippines
Pasay City, Metro Manila

Dear **Senator Legarda**,

We respectfully submit the comments and recommendations of the DOST-PAGASA on the proposed amendment on Senate Bill 2558 "An Act Establishing the People's Survival Fund".

The DOST-PAGASA fully supports the amendments as contained in Section 14 of SBN 2558.

Very truly yours,

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Comments and Recommendation of the DOST-PAGASA on Proposed Amendment of SBN 2558 "An Act of Establishing the People's Survival Fund"

1. The DOST-PAGASA fully supports the creation of the People's Survival Fund as a special trust fund for financing of local adaptation programs and projects based on the National Strategic Framework. The proposed bill is timely in view of the possible adverse impacts of climate change to national development that needs to be addressed. Adaptation strategies must be properly funded in order for communities to properly respond to the adverse impacts of extreme climate events. Cognizant of the proposed bill's effort to strengthen the country's programs and plans pertaining to adaptation strategies/climate change related activities, hereunder are some comments for consideration by the committee:

a. Page 2, paragraph 2, Line #4, remove the word WARMING

Recognizing the vulnerability of the Philippine archipelago and its local communities, particularly the poor, women, and children to potential dangerous consequences of climate change and GLOBAL WARMING such as WARMING/INCREASING TEMPERATURES

b. Section 11, Section 15 of R.A. 9729

i. On the role of the DOST-PAGASA

- The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) through the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), shall promote, assist and, where appropriate, undertake scientific and technological research and development, projections and analysis of future climate, including activities relative to observation, collection, assessment and processing of climate related data such as but not limited to rainfall, sea-level rise, extreme weather events, rise in temperatures and records of severe droughts' monitored over long periods of time, in coordination with local government units in priority target monitoring sites, for the benefit of agriculture, commerce and industry and in other areas identified to be vital to the country's development; and

c. Section 19 Sources of Funds

- i. Co-financing/sharing arrangements between government funds may pose a problem in the implementation of project activities.