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Chair, Committee on Health  
House of Representatives, Philippines

Dear CONGRESSWOMAN TAN:

Greetings from the Philippine Medical Association!

After consultation and discussion with our Executive Committee, Board of Governors, Commission on Specialization, Commission on Legislation, our Specialty Divisions, Specialty Societies and other concerned members, we have agreed to submit to you the draft of the Physicians Act amenable among all of us.

The draft bill focuses on the creation of three agencies, namely:

1. The Medical Education Council (MEC), under the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) which will be responsible for all the formal educational aspects and components of Medical Education and Research including the formulation, development of curricula, plans, policies, priorities and programs and other antecedent functions enumerated in the draft bill.

2. The Professional Regulatory Board of Medicine (PRBM), under the administrative control and supervision of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) which will be responsible for the regulation of the practice of medicine, administer the licensure examination for physicians, investigate cases of violations of the Physicians Act and the Medical Code of Ethics and other antecedent functions listed and enumerated in the draft bill.

3. The Integrated Philippine Medical Association, under the PRBM, referred to as the PMA, which will be responsible for the control and supervision of the practice of Medicine, establishment, accreditation and supervision of the conduct and certification of Medical and Specialty Organizations/Associations, promotion of continuing medical education and research among physicians and all other antecedent functions listed and enumerated in the draft bill.

We firmly believe that with the above agencies, most if not all the necessary functionalization, i.e., medical education, regulation of the practice of medicine, supervision and control of the actual practice of medicine in the delivery of health care services in our country will be streamlined, well-defined and understood by our physicians and our people.

We are also in the mind that further discussions and possibly constructive exchange of ideas will further improve and make the Physicians Act more responsive, relevant and applicable to the needs of the times.

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to participate and be heard in this very important endeavor that you are espousing for the betterment of the Medical Profession and in effect, the health care system of our country.

Sincerely,

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