



PASUGUAN NG PILIPINAS

EMBASSY OF THE PHILIPPINES

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Dear Kababayan,

Mabuhay!

I recently took up my post in Washington and wanted to personally greet you. I want to listen to your views on how to strengthen relations between the U.S. and the Philippines. And I look forward to meeting with you soon.

You may remember that President Aquino identified the SAVE Our Industries Act as a priority. The bill was introduced last year by Senator Inouye of Hawaii, Congressman McDermott of Washington and Congressmen Bilbray and Filner of California. We expect the bill to be reintroduced soon. And our Government will do all we can to encourage the U.S. Congress to pass it this year. We hope you will do the same.

The SAVE Act will support industry and job creation in both the United States and the Philippines. The bill will promote U.S. textile exports and Philippine exports of apparel products. Soon after becoming law, the SAVE Act would provide tens of millions of dollars in new exports for U.S. businesses. It would save hundreds of thousands of jobs in the Philippines.

The Philippine government understands how important this legislation is to our workers and our relationship with the United States. In September 2010 during his visit to the United States, President Aquino spoke for the SAVE Act and urged that we work together to get it passed.

Congressman Manny Pacquiao supports the SAVE Act and has visited Washington earlier this year to seek support from U.S. legislators for its passage.

Please help support workers in the Philippines and here in the United States. Visit the SAVE Act website at www.SaveOurIndustriesAct.org. Sign up to stay informed about the bill's progress. Share your ideas with us. Let us know how the SAVE Act campaign can better use your help. Please use the website to let us know.

And thank you for helping strengthen Philippine-U.S. relations. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely yours,

JOSE L. CUISIA, JR.
Ambassador