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DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

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RE: DPSFV Supports HR 3884: Philippine Human Rights Act

Representatives of the Honorable San Fernando Valley Delegation:

On behalf of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley (DPSFV), we are pleased to report that our Executive Board voted to support H.R. 3884, which aims to suspend the provisions of security assistance to the Philippines until said country's government has enacted reforms to its military and police forces.

DPSFV was founded in 1978 and is chartered by the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee. Our organization is the coordinating body for a coalition of Democratic Clubs located in the Assembly Districts which are wholly or partially in the San Fernando Valley.

The DPSFV Political Action Committee met last month to discuss H.R. 3884 and voted to recommend that the DPSFV Executive Board support this legislation. The committee noted that the current cruel war on drugs in the Philippines has taken over 30,000 innocent lives, mostly poor, indigenous, and environmental and government activists. In addition to that an US citizen, journalist Brandon Lee, was a victim of an attempt against his life after being harassed and surveilled for many years for his environmental justice work.

We urge you to support H.R. 3884 so that the United States suspends the security assistance to the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippines National Police (PNP); and that the US representatives of banks veto loans to Philippine military and police. The conditions in order to lift the restrictions listed in this paragraph are the investigation and prosecution of members of the military and police forces who have been found guilty of violating human rights (including implementing a system that is capable of investigating and prosecuting members of the military and police); Withdrawing its military from domestic policy; Establishing protections of the rights of unionists, journalists, human rights defenders, indigenous people, small-farmers, LGBTI activists, and critics of the government; and lastly fully complying with any and all audits or investigations regarding the use of security aid.

Please note that DPSFV will be tracking this bill as it travels through the Legislature. Your voting record will be noted and may be considered should you ever seek our endorsement. Your office is always welcome to contact DPSFV if you have any questions.

Sincerely and respectfully,



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Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley

cc: Congressional Members Sherman, Cárdenas, Lieu, and Schiff
U.S. Senators Feinstein and Padilla

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