

November 28, 2023



REP. ROMEO ACOP

1st District, Samar
Chairman, Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
Quezon City



THRU: Rep. Gus Tambunting

Chairperson, Technical Working Group on CAAP House Bills

Dear Chairperson Acop:



Thank you for inviting the members of the Joint Foreign Chambers of the Philippines (JFC) to the Technical Working Group meeting on House Bills related to Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines on November 29.



We signify our support for House Bill 7438 filed by Rep. Rufus Rodriguez. HB 7438 contains the following recommendations supported by the JFC as contained in the attached policy brief that we published with Philippine business groups in 2017:

- a. Strengthening the CAAP as the agency in charge of safety through the amendment of the CAAP law in order to address human resource development, strengthen the board and increase the compliance of the Philippines with international standards of safety and security;
- b. Separate conflicting functions of CAAP as a regulator, operator, and investigator; and
- c. Set a clear framework for the regulation of privatized airports



The policy brief reported that the CAAP's conflicting responsibilities as a regulator, operator, and investigator as provided in Republic Act No. 9497 "made the agency weak as a regulator and ineffective as an operator of airports." To address this, we request the TWG to consider Section 23 of HB 7438, a transitory provision which separates the developmental and commercial functions of CAAP thru organizational restructuring pending the creation of an airport governing authority. The transitory provision is a prelude to the transfer of the operational and developmental functions of CAAP to Philippine Airports Authority, a new agency to be created by another law.

Thank you for considering our views.

Regards,



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cc: Rep. Rufus Rodriguez

Attachments: as stated



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