



## Joint Statement of Support for the AFP and the PCG

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We, the undersigned Philippine Business Groups, express our concern and gratitude for the men and women of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) for their service to the Filipino nation. We laud their dedication and self-sacrifice in protecting our people, safeguarding our sovereignty and defending the integrity of our national territory.

The AFP and the PCG play a critical role in achieving and sustaining a dynamic economy with widest participation of, and benefits for, Filipinos spanning all socio-economic classes, economic sectors, geographic areas and ethnic affiliations, under the rule of law in order to afford justice for all.

We encourage the government to pursue with utmost urgency the necessary capacity-building measures that will successfully transform the AFP and the PCG into modern, responsive and self-reliant defense forces.

We deplore the continued harassment of the AFP, the PCG, and most of all, our people who are just trying to earn their livelihood.

Since we need peace and security in building a stronger and more progressive Philippines, we call for a whole-of-nation approach in addressing the current threats to national sovereignty and security.

We appeal for unity towards a non-violent resolution that respects our rights as a peace-loving nation.

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