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**AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINE TO FILE CLAIMS UNDER THE HUMAN RIGHTS VICTIMS REPARATION AND RECOGNITION ACT OF 2013 OR REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10368**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights (Art. II, Sec. 11 of the 1987 Constitution). This is not simply an empty declaration but a promise that we have chosen to operationalize through *Republic Act No. 10368* or the *Human Rights Victims Reparation and Recognition Act of 2013*.

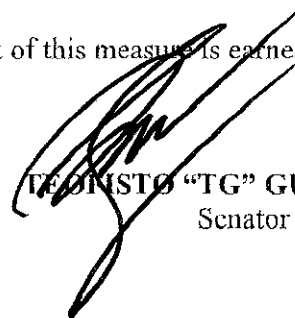
As of September 2014, the Human Rights Victims' Claims Board (HRVCB) has received over 17,000 claims under the said law. Many of these claims have already been processed and awards have been granted to deserving applicants.

Unfortunately, many more are still coming to file claims. In spite of the best efforts of the HRVCB in reaching out to communities and persons all over the country and even to Filipinos now living abroad, much more work has to be done if we are to give a measure of justice to all deserving claimants.

Keenly aware that the original deadline of November 10, 2014 is fast approaching, it is clear that the entire operation will take more time than originally anticipated.

Hence, there is a need to file this bill to extend the deadline for another two (2) years in order to give the victims more time to prepare and complete their claims and for the HRVCB to complete its work.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate enactment of this measure is earnestly sought.



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*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

- 1 **Section 1. Extension of Deadline to File Claims.** – The existence of the Human Rights Victims’  
2 Claims Board (HRVCB) under Republic Act No. 10368 shall be extended for two (2) years in  
3 order for it to complete its mandate.  
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5 The original period for Human Rights Violations Victims (HRVV) to file claims with the  
6 HRVCB is likewise extended for two (2) years.  
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8 **Section 2. Amendment of Related Laws.** - All relevant laws, rules and issuances are, hereby,  
9 amended accordingly.  
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11 **Section 3. Budget.** The HRVCB shall be provided with adequate funds to properly fulfill its  
12 mandate.  
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14 **Section 4. Effectivity.** This law shall take effect after publication in the Official Gazette and two  
15 (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,