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**SEC. TEODORO LOCSIN JR.**  
*Secretary*  
**Department of Foreign Affairs**  
2330 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, Philippines

Dear **Secretary Locsin, Jr.:**

I am writing once again on behalf of the families of the 36 missing Filipino seafarers who were aboard Gulf Livestock 1 when it capsized off the coast of southwest Japan on 2 September 2020, **to respectfully convey their request that the owner of the vessel – Gulf Navigation Holding – be pressured to expedite marine salvage operations for the purpose of recovering any remains that may still be within the wreck of the ship.**

It appears that the Gulf Livestock 1 has had a noticeable checkered past, with European shipping database Equasis listing 25 port state control deficiencies in 2019 and 2020 alone, including a number related to the main engine. On 25 July 2020, a Philippine Navy vessel, the Miguel Malvar-class patrol corvette BRP Magat Salamat was even directed to deploy to an area 6.6 nautical miles off Davao Occidental province so that its engineers could assist in repairing the engine of the ill-fated vessel.

Considering the negligence of the ship's owner, it should be made primarily liable for the expense of carrying out retrieval operations and bringing peace of mind, as well as closure, to the families of our lost seafarers.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

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