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EXPLANATORY NOTE

A series of natural calamities recently hit various parts of our country, which devastated the lives of many Filipinos: the 7.5 magnitude earthquake that hit Central Visayas and the super typhoon Yolanda.

In order to encourage much needed aid to victims of natural calamities, this bill proposes to grant full deduction from gross income the amount of contributions made to relief, recovery, and rehabilitation efforts of the national and local government, educational and/or charitable, religious, cultural or social welfare corporation, institution, accredited nongovernment organization, foundations, and trust or philanthropic organization.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly recommended.

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AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 8424, OR THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, BY GRANTING FULL DEDUCTION FROM GROSS INCOME THE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO DISASTER RELIEF, RECOVERY, AND REHABILITATION EFFORTS AND ACTIVITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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SECTION 1. A new Section 34 (H) (2) (d) is hereby inserted after Section 34 (H) (2) (c) of Republic Act No. 8424, or the National Internal Revenue Code of the Philippines, to read as follows:

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SEC. 34. Deductions from Gross Income. - Except for taxpayers earning compensation income arising from personal services rendered under an employeremployee relationship where no deductions shall be allowed under this Section other than under subsection (M) hereof, in computing taxable income subject to income tax under Sections 24 (A); 25 (A); 26; 27 (A), (B) and (C); and 28 (A) (1), there shall be allowed the following deductions from gross income; XXX

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(II) Charitable and Other Contributions. - XXX

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(2) Contributions Deductible in Full. - Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding subparagraph, donations to the following institutions or entities shall be deductible in full; XXX

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(d) DONATIONS FOR DISASTER RELIEF, RECOVERY, AND REHABILITATION EFFORTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES. DONATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES OR TO ANY OF ITS AGENCIES OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING FULLY-OWNED GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS, CHARITABLE, RELIGIOUS, **EDUCATIONAL** AND/OR WELFARE CORPORATION. CULTURAL OR. SOCIAL ACCREDITED NONGOVERNMENT INSTITUTION, FOUNDATIONS, AND TRUST OR. ORGANIZATION. **EXCLUSIVELY** TO PHILANTHROPHIC ORGANIZATION. FINANCE. TO PROVIDE FOR, OR TO BE USED IN RECOVERY, RELIEF, AND UNDERTAKING DISASTER

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REHABILITATION EFFORTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES NECESSARY FOR, AND IN CONNECTION WITH, THE POST-RECOVERY EFFORTS FOR AREAS AFFECTED BY DISASTER.

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"DISASTER" MEANS A SERIOUS DISRUPTION OF THE FUNCTIONING OF A COMMUNITY OR SOCIETY INVOLVING WIDESPREAD HUMAN, MATERIAL, ECONOMIC OR ENVIRONMENTAL LOSSES AND IMPACTS, WHICH EXCEEDS THE ABILITY OF THE AFFECTED COMMUNITY OR SOCIETY TO COPE USING ITS OWN RESOURCES. DISASTERS ΛS RESULT OFTEN DESCRIBED A OF COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING: EXPOSURE HAZARDS; CONDITIONS OF VULNERABILITY THAT ARE PRESENT; AND INSUFFICIENT CAPACITY OR MEASURES TO REDUCE OR COPE WITH THE POTENTIAL NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES. DISASTER IMPACTS MAY INCLUDE LOSS OF LIFE, INJURY, DISEASE, AND OTHER NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON HUMAN, PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING, TOGETHER WITH DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, DESTRUCTION OF ASSETS, LOSS OF SERVICES, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DISRUPTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION.

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SECTION 2. *Implementation.* The Bureau of Internal Revenue, in consultation with all relevant government agencies shall issue implementing rules and regulations within ninety (90) days from effectivity hereof, and such other rules and regulations as may be necessary to earry out the purpose of this Act.

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SECTION 3. Separability Clause. If any portion or provision of this Act is declared void and unconstitutional, the remaining portions or provisions hereof shall not be affected by such declaration.

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SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 5. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

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Approved.