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Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago
Senate of the Philippines
Room 521A 5th Floor
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Dear Hon. Senator Defensor-Santiago:

The Joint Foreign Chambers of the Philippines would like to express their support for Senate Bill 741 and House Bill 3079 that call for a ban on the use of asbestos.



CANADIAN

At present, there are 19 manufacturing companies importing raw asbestos and five distributors of asbestos-containing products registered with the Environmental Management Bureau of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources.

As you have stated in your proposed Bill 741, 40 countries have banned the use of Asbestos due to the question of its safety and the diseases it causes when people are exposed. The Philippines should be counted as one of the countries that must ban the use of Asbestos.



EUROPEAN

Passing this bill in both houses will have a positive effect in removing a serious health hazard from the community. Bearing this in mind, we would like to respectfully request early passage into law of these bills so that potential health problems may be avoided.

Sincerely,



JAPANESE

AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN
President

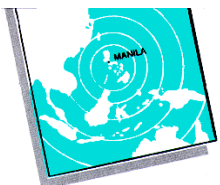
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