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Subject: **REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION, INCIDENCES OF NON-APPEARANCE**

Dear Director,

On behalf of the members and officers of the Private Emission Testing Center Owners Association (PETCOA), we are writing to respectfully request a thorough investigation into reported cases of vehicle registration without the required emission testing. We have received multiple reports of vehicles being registered through "non-appearance," meaning they did not undergo the necessary testing at either a Private Emission Testing Center (PETC) or a Private Motor Vehicle Inspection Center (PMVIC).

This practice doesn't just undermine the integrity of vehicle registration; it also poses a serious risk to public health and safety by letting polluting vehicles on our roads. This kind of "non-appearance" also helps spread corruption, something the Secretary is working hard to stop. We believe these fraudulent registrations are only possible through the collaboration of individuals in Land Transportation Office (LTO) district offices, Private Motor Vehicle Inspection Centers (PMVICs), Private Emission Testing Centers (PETCs) and those with unauthorized access to the LTO registration system (LTMS or Stradcom program).

As a specific example, we have attached a list of suspicious registrations, including a unit with plate number NCA9944, which was registered at the LTO La Loma District Office allegedly undergoing an emission test from a PMVIC.

We urge you to investigate these allegations and provide us with official records from the LTO registration system and, if possible, from the PMVIC/PETC IT service providers to confirm whether these vehicles were indeed tested. This information is crucial for our association to encourage our members to report unusual activities and to protect the integrity of the emission program.

We are confident that your immediate attention to this matter will help us ensure a fair and honest system for all stakeholders. We look forward to your prompt response and collaboration in resolving this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bernardo S. Chang, Jr.', written over a vertical line.

BERNARDO S. CHANG, JR.
Chairman, PETCOA