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Bo. Luz, Limay, Bataan

Dear **Mr. CHANG:**

This refers to your letter dated 16 February 2026 relative to the request for intervention regarding Private Emission Testing Center (PETC) renewal applications currently being held at various LTO Regional Offices.

In order for this Office to properly evaluate the matter and take the appropriate action, we respectfully request that you provide us the list of the concerned applications. Kindly include the following details, where available:

- LTO Regional Office Concerned;
- Name of PETC;
- Status of renewal application;
- Date of filing; and
- Specific issues or deficiencies noted, if any.

The requested information will enable this Office to comprehensively assess the situation and act accordingly.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

MARKUS V. LACANILAO
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FEB 16 2026
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TIME: 2:15 PM
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Subject: An Urgent Request for Intervention Regarding Stalled PETC Renewal Applications in LTO Regional Offices

Dear Asec. Lacanilao,

On behalf of the Private Emission Testing Center Owners Association (PETCOA), we formally request your urgent intervention regarding Private Emission Testing Center (PETC) renewal applications currently being held at various LTO Regional Offices.

We have received reports that applications for the renewal of PETC Authorizations are being stalled at the regional level, creating a state of prolonged uncertainty for our members. While the PETC/PMVIC Authorization Committee (AC) is now actively working to fast-track the review and release of Authorities to Operate, many applicants have discovered that their files cannot be traced within the AC's file system. This discrepancy leads us to conclude that these applications are being withheld at the Regional Offices rather than being endorsed upward for the final processing.

Per DOTr Department Order No. 2023-008, the mandated processing lead-time for Regional Offices is strictly **thirty (30) days**. We recognize that recent DOTr reorganizations previously impacted these timelines and many applications for renewal, transfer of location, new MVECTs, were left pending. However, with the Authorization Committee now successfully accelerating its review process, the bottleneck clearly remains at the regional level.

To ensure the continuous and legal operation of these centers, we respectfully urge your office to hold Regional Directors accountable for the immediate release and endorsement of all pending applications. Ensuring these files reach the Authorization Committee without further delay is critical to maintaining the integrity and reliability of the process, and eliminate the opportunity for corruption to happen.

Thank you for your continued dedication to stamping out inefficiencies and for your prompt attention to this matter.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bernardo S. Chang, Jr.', written over the typed name below.

BERNARDO S. CHANG, JR.
Chairman, PETCOA