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**DISSEMINATION OF SENATOR LOREN LEGARDA'S LETTER  
TO THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
District Supervisors  
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of Senator Loren Legarda's letter dated August 5, 2010 to the undersigned, which is self-explanatory.
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**BR. ARMIN A. LUSTRO FSC**  
Secretary

Encl.:  
As stated

Reference:  
None

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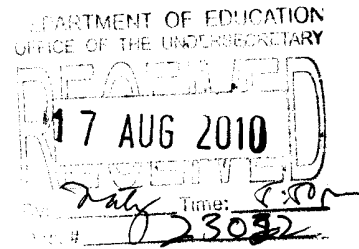
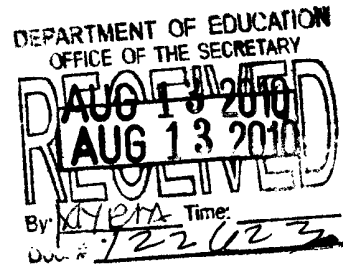


## Philippine Senate

*Hon. Loren Legarda*  
SENATOR

05 August 2010

**HON. ARMIN LUISTRO, FSC**  
Secretary  
Department of Education  
2/F Rizal Building, University of Life  
Meralco Avenue, Pasig City



Dear Secretary Luistro:

I am honored to inform our dedicated men and women in government service, through your office, that once again, I have authored in the current 15<sup>th</sup> Congress legislative initiatives that promote their welfare. Under Proposed Senate Resolution No. 3, I have urged the President to further adjust to two salary grades higher the compensation of government employees who distinctly face hazards in the course of their duties, namely, the uniformed personnel in the military and police establishments, the teachers, and nurses.

In the previous Congresses, I have always supported measures that seek to increase and improve the benefits of our government employees. Apart from the Magna Carta for Teachers which I authored during my first term as Senator, I have also filed Senate Bill No. 1611 entitled, "An Act Upgrading the Minimum Salary Grade Level of Teachers from Salary Grade 10 to 19," and Senate Bill No. 939 entitled, "An Act Creating a Hospital for Teachers and their Dependents." I also co-authored Joint Resolution No. 4 during the 14<sup>th</sup> Congress, which eventually became law, that authorized the President of the Philippines to upgrade the compensation and position classification system of civilian personnel and increase the base pay schedule of the military and uniformed personnel, which took effect in June of 2009.

Hon. Armin Luistro, FSC  
Secretary  
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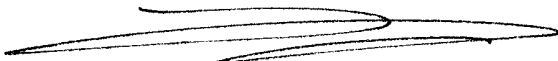
Time and again during your predecessors' tenure, I have been the subject of malicious information disseminated within your Department by certain scheming individuals with ill motives that I purportedly authored bills and legislative measures which in effect reduced the leave credits or removed the vacation pay of teaching and non-teaching personnel nationwide. The information is totally false and fabricated, with no other purpose than to destroy my reputation as a champion of the rights of our dedicated government workers, especially our teachers. No legislator in his right mind would introduce or sponsor such bills or legislative measures that would diminish the already miniscule salaries of our government employees.

In this light, I request your good office to disseminate this letter to the various Regional Offices of the Department to clarify this issue in an effort to refute and stop the circulation of the above-cited malicious information, and more importantly, to prevent the demoralization and confusion among the teaching and non-teaching personnel of the Department.

Rest assured that I always remain a staunch partner of the Department in protecting the rights and welfare of government employees.

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your prompt attention on the matter and my best wishes for your continued success.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LOREN LEGARDA', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

**LOREN LEGARDA**