

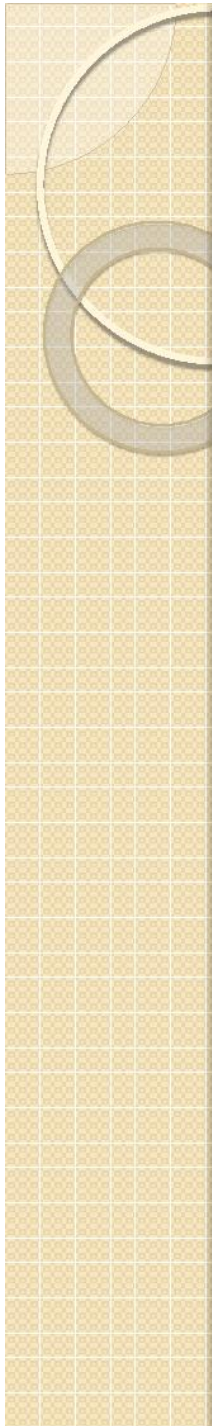


Chamber of Commerce
of the Philippine Islands
Cámara de Comercio de las Islas Filipinas

As the oldest business support organization in the country, the Chamber of Commerce of the Philippine Islands, in whose heritage of over 100 years are rooted, values & virtues sown by venerable and distinguished leaders, joins the Filipino nation in its **CALL TO ABOLISH THE “PORK BARREL”** in ALL its forms and names, because it is intrinsically wrong, and **TO CONVICT ALL THOSE IN THE SCAM** because it is rightful justice.

The Pork Barrel/PDAF is yet another PERNICIOUS example of our having:

A Wayward Governance – A Nation Betrayed



We trust, support and join President P-Noy and other good citizens to effect DELIVERANCE of our country from:

I. A WAYWARD LEGISLATURE

Where laws passed are seriously deficient in quality;

- a. Where Legislative positions are used for individual gain rather than the creation of worthy laws;
- b. Where salaries of absent solons are shamelessly paid even when they do not attend nor contribute any service, while the rest of the people live on “no work, no pay” basis;
- c. Where in the name of PERFIDIOUS camaraderie and abused inter-parliamentary courtesy, truth and wrongs are covered up.

2. A WAYWARD EXECUTIVE

- a. Where implementing the laws and the budget are done in ingenious ways to shield rather than prevent corruption;
- b. Where political patronage has become standard practice rather than Statesmanship, hindering the creation of a strategic vision of excellence for the country



3.A WAYWARD JUDICIARY, SANDIGANBAYAN

- a. Where some cases are decided not in accordance with law but in accordance with personal connection, power and material exchange and where decisions are deferred to eternity;
- b. Where the evidence is distorted to fit the “required decision,” even as those who try to do what is right are muzzled, intimidated, treated without dignity, and even killed.

4.A WAYWARD POLICE, NBI AND MILITARY

- a. Where instead of protecting the citizens, the protection of the enemies of the people appears as a marketable option;
- b. Where in some situations, they are the violators rather than the protectors of our citizens.

5.A WAYWARD ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEM

- a. Where the capable and honest cannot win elections and the cheaters and incompetent are voted into office with the aid of PDAF/Pork Barrel and the like;
- b. Where the sacred mandate to uphold the people’s choices are treated as a commodity for sale.



6. A WAYWARD EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

Where our “educated” children end up:

- a. Incapable of speaking or writing proper Tagalog and English as a Bilingual Filipino citizen ought to be, and deficient in basic Mathematics, Science, Engineering, Technology and Implicative Thinking;
- b. Preferring salaried employment in multinational companies here and abroad, rather than engaging in job-generating, wealth-producing entrepreneurship ventures in the country;
- c. Hard pressed to distinguish good from evil, honesty from dishonesty, righteousness from depravity and looked down upon by immigration officials and citizens of other countries as second-class people.

7.A WAYWARD CHURCH

- a. Where the simple words of the Lord’s Commandments are reworded into convoluted and inane statements such as “Discern the Truth” or “Communal Action” which confuse and disappoint the faithful who need clearer guidance from the church;
- b. Where even corruption or criminal-sourced funds are accepted by the clergy.

8.A WAYWARD ELITE – The Educated, the Rich & The Business Class

- a. That tolerates and even fosters wrongdoing in its midst to protect its status in society, even if such is disastrous to the rest of the country;
- b. Uncaring and indifferent to the underprivileged and the needs of nation building.



9.A BETRAYED CITIZENRY

Where consistent bad governance and the prostitution of our institutions, have created a culture that punishes those who do right and rewards those who do wrong, breeding a people who find themselves:

- a. Tolerating wrong-doing to survive;
- b. Participating in wrong-doing to have a better life;
- c. Afraid to act with decency and honesty.

10. A BETRAYED ECONOMY:

- a. Where policies and strategies being implemented are detrimental to the creation of competitive industries and wealth WITHIN the country; relying instead on earnings of Overseas Filipino Workers;
- b. Where funds and resources are wasted on corruption, rather than in the building of modern efficient infrastructure, top class education, health, and efficient honest governance to upgrade the lives of people and the ease in doing business;
- c. Where the idiosyncrasies of governance are biased against Filipino-owned companies.