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REP. SCHAKOWSKY THROWS SUPPORT FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS DESIGNATION

The Consulate General of the Philippines thanked Representative Janice Schakowsky (D-IL-9) for writing to Secretary Jeh Johnson of the Department of Homeland Security to convey her support for the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation for the Philippines.

The unprecedented devastation that visited the Philippines had compelled the Philippine government to file an application for TPS, as a humanitarian measure that will alleviate the burden of rehabilitation and reconstruction.

Under the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act, the TPS may be granted to a country, which has suffered a natural disaster, in order to enable its citizens under certain conditions to continue to remain legally and obtain work authorization in the U.S. for a given period.

Consul General Leo Herrera-Lim said that through Congresswoman Schakowsky's exemplary concern for the continuing post-typhoon recovery and rebuilding efforts of the Philippines, the Filipino-American community is encouraged to likewise voice their much needed support for such an immigration relief through their elected officials.

The Philippines submitted its request for TPS to the Department of Homeland Security through the Department of State last December 13 and hopes to receive a final decision soon. **END**