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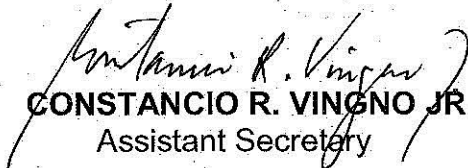
Dear Rep. Ilagan,

With reference to House Bill No. 4971, otherwise known as "*An Act Creating A Full Consular Office in Alberta, Canada, and Providing For funds Therefore*" jointly introduced by the Honorable Representatives Luzviminda C. Ilagan and Emmi A. de Jesus, I am pleased to convey to you the official position of the Department of the Foreign Affairs (DFA) on the establishment of a full time Philippine Consulate General in Calgary, as follows:

1. "The Department sees the merit of opening a full-time Consulate General in Calgary given the number of Filipinos in the area as well as its physical distance from Vancouver, Canada. However, the establishment of said consular mission shall be considered in 2016 after a universal review of our network of Foreign Service Posts (FSPs) during the DFA Strategic Plan Review in 2015; and
2. "In the meantime, the Philippine Consulate General in Vancouver will increase the frequency of consular outreach missions to Calgary and its surrounding areas in order to address the consular needs of Filipinos in the area. The Department will duly support this increase in frequency with the deployment of more personnel to the Philippine Consulate General in Vancouver."

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,  
For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:

  
**CONSTANCIO R. VINGO JR.**  
Assistant Secretary

The Honorable  
**LUZVIMINDA C. ILAGAN**  
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