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Letter from a Filipino Supporter to Geraldine Ferraro

Geraldine Ferraro

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Madam, Please, Surigao del Norte
Philippines

Dear Congresswoman Ferrare:

I was very fortunate enough that God our heavenly Father had given me grace, when one Sunday morning while I was attending Church services that our woman Pastor handed me the "TIME" magazine, dated July 23, 1984, wherein the Honorable Congresswoman was the front cover-page. Gone across the fine pages of the Honorable's life history...

Calling it lucky and fortunate, because I have no doubt- Honorable Geraldine Ferrare is the rightful benefactress to whom I could confide and cry my sad plight. Madam, I am a mother of eleven children, four of them college, three in high school, the rest in the elementary grades, our only means of livelihood for our honest living in farming- where my husband is always found behind the plow and the garden hoe doing agriculture, but all of this vanished from us, when sometimes in September 1, 1984, our most saddest and sorrowful fate came when typhoon "Hitang" struck the Philippines, most hardest our place, tearing/destroying/blowing down our houses to kiss mother earth, damaging our uprooted cocoanut trees (our filipino tree of life) killing our livestock where our working-animals like a draft-horse and water buffalo were all carried away by the strong flooding waters of the fury rivers- leaving us nothing except our life. Our government extended to its ultimate effort to provide us the necessary "rescue" but it is not enough for we are not the only Filipinos victimized by the typhoon - it is the whole Philippines. It is then in this juncture, Madam, that I braved myself to write the Honorable Congresswoman, perehance her honorable could share my family her "Milk of Mercy and Kindness" for recuperation in forms of philanthropic assistance for a replacement of my working draft horse and water buffalo and construction of a small house for my family. It will take four to five months from date before crops will grow and yilla harvest and I forced myself to have my college and high school children stop schooling for ana due to scarcity- my husband could no longer work because he had both his knee-bones broken by the passing and flying rearing zines. I am ashamed that in America and I am a Filipino- But I doubted my hope and trust that America and Americans are Kind-Loving people, origin of peace and freedom.

Lastly, my I hope and pray that Her Honorable Congresswoman Geraldine Ferrare will understand and pity my sad situation, and may God answers more powers and blessings to Her honorable ana family...

Very respectfullly yours,

P.S. Permit me to introduce my family...

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