



Press Statement

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MBC PRAISES THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION ON THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE RH LAW

The Makati Business Club commends the Supreme Court for upholding the constitutionality of RA 10354 or the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act. After 14 years of meticulous debates and amendments in Congress, and now with the unanimous recognition by the High Court of the law's legality, save for particular provisions, the task of improving the country's maternal and child healthcare can now go at full steam. With this process, involving all major branches of government, as well as with widespread public participation, we believe that this decision truly reflects the people's overwhelming sentiments on responsible parenthood and reproductive health.

Moving forward, we hope that the law will be swiftly and properly implemented. We maintain our position that this law will not only impact our people's health, but will also serve as a critical component of the overall strategy to reduce poverty and guarantee sustainable and inclusive growth.

Indeed, the issue has been divisive, yet with the intense exchange of views, this is an illustration of the vibrancy of our democratic processes. Let this decision be the spark that will unite all who stood on opposite sides of the fence to work together for a truly progressive Philippines.

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