

Please find the time to write more letters in support of the Palawan people.

Please send letters to the following officials, or cc them in your letter.

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SAMPLE LETTER:

Dear xxxx

I am extremely concerned about the situation of the indigenous people of Palawan Province. More than 300 mining applications are pending on the island, claiming almost 665,000 hectares. This will devastate the

forests and rivers the local indigenous communities rely on, and destroy many of their sacred sites.

I am particularly concerned about the future of the isolated Palawan communities living around Mt. Gantong and the Mantalingahan range, whose ancestral land is being claimed by MacroAsia and other mining firms. The recent moratorium on new mining applications in the proposed Mt. Mantalingahan protected area is a positive move, however, as the existing applications are not included in this moratorium the communities are still very much under threat.

I am also aware that RTNM corporation and other companies are trying to expand their claims to the Bulanjao range. This is the last and best conserved forest in the southern tip of Palawan.

I urge the National Government to revoke the 1995 Mining Act, which has been so disastrous for indigenous peoples in the Philippines, and to ensure that no further exploration or mining should take place, in Palawan, without the genuine full prior and informed consent of the communities.

Finally, I urge you to ensure that the Palawan's land is recognized and protected in accordance with the Indigenous Peoples Right Act and with international law.

Yours sincerely,