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HON. ALBERTO C. AGRA  
Secretary  
Department of Justice  
Padre Faura Street,  
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received by: Lino R. Maputo, Jr. 3/5/10

Dear Secretary Agra:

I write to congratulate your appointment as the new DOJ Secretary. I hope that under your new leadership, and unlike your predecessors, victims of failed pre-need companies will finally obtain justice, with the perpetrators of pre-need frauds prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, specifically, Legacy's Celso delos Angeles, who until now has not been arrested and detained despite the issuance of several arrest warrants against him. In fact, according to recent news reports, instead of being confined in a hospital for a supposed illness, he has been holding political caucuses while under "house arrest" at a nearby condominium. I received information that the handling court ordered the "house arrest" without opposition from the DOJ. I hope this matter can be rectified the soonest.

Allow me to also renew my appeal to exempt pre-need victims from paying the DOJ filing fees as manifested in my 26 February 2009 and 29 May 2009 letters to former DOJ Secretary Raul M. Gonzales and my 22 June 2009 letter to former DOJ Secretary Agnes Devanadera. Attached are copies for your reference.

Relative to the *Petition to Exempt Victims of Failed Pre-Need Companies and Investment Scams from the Payment of Filing Fees* that I filed last 29 May 2009 with the Supreme Court, I received an SC resolution dated 7 July 2009 referring the said petition to its Committee on Revision of the Rules of Court, Office of the Court Administrator, and Fiscal Management and Budget office. Attached are copies of my petition and the SC resolution.

Like before, I reiterate the urgency and importance of this appeal. Pre-need victims have already gone through so much financially and emotionally given that they have lost their hard earned monies to scrupulous pre-need companies and considering that the DOJ and court fees unfortunately serve as unwarranted barriers to their continuing quest for justice.

With all my best wishes to your new position.

Sincerely,

Encls: a/s

MR PALENGKE