

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of certain citizens of Australia draws the attention of the House that Filipinos are a recently arrived migrant group totalling more than 160,000 across the country who easily integrate into Australian society, are willing to contribute to the community and participate in the workforce but often family ties and responsibilities necessitate occasional return to the Philippines.

In recognition of the contribution made to Australia and the continuing strengthening of ties between our two nations we therefore ask the House to establish a Social Security Reciprocal Agreement between Australia and the Philippines.