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Day 25: Greener

Policymaker: Senator Loren Legarda

Stance on Renewable Energy in the Philippines:

Senator Loren Legarda is known for her strong support of renewable energy and her efforts to fight the fossil fuel industry in the Philippines. She has been actively pushing for policies and legislation that promote the use of clean and sustainable energy sources. Senator Legarda believes that investing in renewable energy will not only help protect the environment but also provide economic opportunities and improve the country's energy security.

One of Senator Legarda's notable initiatives is the Renewable Energy Act of 2008, which she co-authored. This legislation aims to accelerate the development and use of renewable energy in the country by providing incentives and support to renewable energy projects. She has also been vocal about the need to transition away from coal and other fossil fuels and has called for a shift towards solar, wind, and other renewable energy sources.

Senator Legarda's stance on renewable energy aligns with her advocacy for climate change mitigation and environmental sustainability. She believes that embracing renewable energy is crucial in addressing the challenges posed by climate change and reducing the country's greenhouse gas emissions.

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DEAR
President Marcos,

I hope this letter finds you well. I would like to take this opportunity to express my concern regarding what appears to be a lack of ambition in the clean energy transition during your recent speech before Congress [1]. While I appreciate your commitment to peace and justice, it is crucial that we address the pressing issue of climate change and take bold steps towards a sustainable future.

In conclusion, President Marcos, I implore you to reconsider your approach to the clean energy transition. Let us strive for a future where renewable energy is at the forefront of our national agenda, and where we lead by example in combatting climate change. By embracing sustainable, affordable, and stable energy, we can secure a better future for generations to come.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

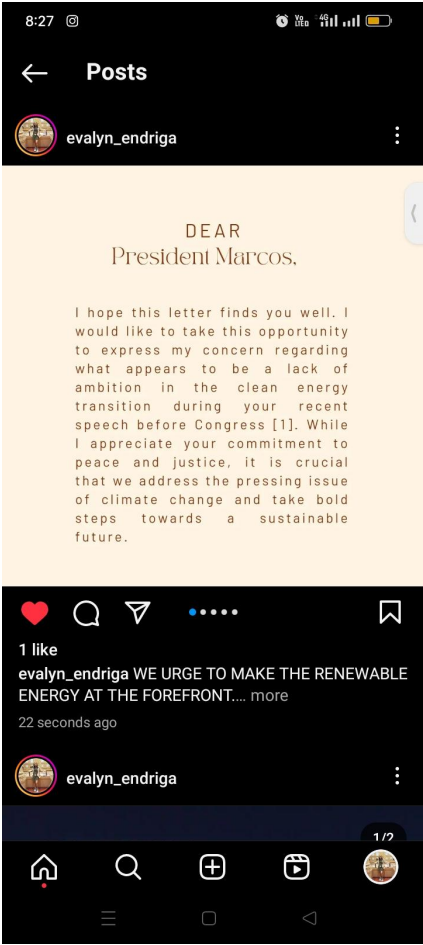
Sincerely,

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Furthermore, I urge you to fulfill your obligations in combating climate change and provide developing countries with the necessary technologies and financing to tackle this global challenge [2]. As a leader on the international stage, it is crucial that we demonstrate our commitment to creating a global environment that fosters cooperation and adherence to international law in resolving differences.

I believe that a truly ambitious clean energy transition involves a clear plan that prioritizes sustainable, affordable, and stable energy through the advancement of renewables. It is essential to recognize the need for a comprehensive strategy that not only reduces carbon emissions but also ensures the accessibility of clean energy to all citizens.

It is disheartening to hear that your clean energy pledges include destructive energy sources like nuclear and gas [3]. As the executive director of the Center for Energy, Ecology, and Development rightly pointed out, relying on such sources would not only undermine the potential of renewable energy but also force the country to depend on costly and polluting fossil fuels [3].



References:

[1] [Groups hit Marcos' 'lack of ambition' in clean energy transition](<https://www.philstar.com/headlines/climate-and-environment/2023/07/25/2283684/groups-hit-marcos-lack-ambition-clean-energy-transition>)

[2] [FULL TEXT: President Marcos' speech at the 77th UN ...](<https://www.rappler.com/nation/full-text-marcos-jr-speech-united-nations-general-assembly-2022/>)

[3] [CEED on the Inauguration Statement of Newly-elected ...](<https://ceedphilippines.com/ceed-on-the-inauguration-statement-of-newly-elected-president-marcos-jr-and-energy/>)

