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**THE HONORABLE SENATE PRESIDENT  
and Members of the Senate**  
Senate of the Philippines  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 27(1), Article VI of the 1987 Constitution, I am returning herewith without my signature the enrolled **House Bill No. 9030 / Senate Bill No. 1077**, entitled:

***“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”***

The importance of ensuring a safe transportation system cannot be overemphasized. Towards this end, it is the policy of the State to maintain a safe, viable, efficient, and reliable transportation system in the country. The creation of the Philippine Transportation Safety Board (PTSB) aims to ensure the conduct of an impartial and thorough investigation of transportation accidents in order to prevent these kinds of accidents and thus, save lives and property.

The aforementioned functions are already being undertaken by the different agencies under the Department of Transportation (DOTr) such as the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board, Land Transportation Office, Philippine Coast Guard, Aircraft Accident Investigation and Inquiry Board, and Maritime Industry Authority, as well as the Philippine National Police and the National Bureau of Investigation. As such, the proposed creation of the PTSB is likely to create functional duplication, confusion as to authority, ineffectiveness, and deficiency in the performance of the responsibilities.

Considering that one of the primary policies and declared priorities of this Administration is to enhance the government's institutional capacity through optimal and efficient use of resources and strategic rationalization of the functions of government agencies, I am constrained to veto the bill. In line with the foregoing policy, I urge the Congress to instead enact measures that will look into the functions, operations, organization, systems, and processes of the aforementioned government agencies, with the end in view of strengthening the same and providing a holistic and well-coordinated approach in the promotion of transportation safety.

In view of these considerations, I am constrained to veto the above mentioned Enrolled Bill.

Very truly yours,

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