



KONSULADO PANLAHAT NG PILIPINAS

CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINES

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Dear Ms. Sweeney,

The episode of ABC's television show "Desperate Housewives" last September 30 entitled "Now You Know" contained extremely distorted, utterly degrading and plainly discriminatory remarks against the medical doctors from the Philippines.

In the said program, the character of Ms. Teri Hatcher questioned the credibility of a doctor by saying as follows:

" Before we go any further, can I check those diplomas because I would just like to make sure that they're not from some med school in the Philippines."
(emphasis supplied)

We strongly resent such a very unfair and totally irresponsible portrayal of the quality of the medical profession in the Philippines.

Please note that a significant number of distinguished doctors in highly recognized hospitals all over the United States of America graduated from medical schools in the Philippines. Before commencing any practice in your country, Filipino doctors passed not only the rigorous exams required for graduates in the United States but also hurdled further stringent professional qualifications for immigration purposes. Beyond providing care and treatment to patients, they have long established their esteemed standing in sharing their expertise and skills to medical undergraduates as well as with their peers in the United States.

We are confident that the American medical community and the public will readily acknowledge that Filipino doctors are among the most reliable, competent and diligent medical practitioners in your country.

Your program sought to create a completely false and damaging impression on the integrity of graduates of Philippine medical schools without any basis.

We demand that the ABC network take immediate steps to effectively rectify the misrepresentation of its show against the graduates of Philippine medical schools.

Yours Sincerely,


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