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**Bill 36-37 Not Essential To Address Load Shedding**

Senator Sabina Flores Perez on Friday issued the following in regard to a statement by Senator William Parkinson published in today's issue of the Pacific Daily News:

“The current load shedding situation is both demoralizing and inconvenient for our people, especially while there are still many of us trying to get back on our feet in the wake of Typhoon Mawar.

I have been working closely with agency leaders to locate and address procurement issues across our government. In my tenure as a Senator, one of the measures that I instituted during the global pandemic was Public Law 35-109. This law expanded the use of emergency procurement and enabled agency heads to write a Certificate of Emergency in order to procure supplies, services, or emergency construction works in an expedited manner. Public Law 35-109 is one measure currently in existence that could potentially address load shedding.

In regular communications with GPA, I have been reassured that Bill 36-37 is not essential to the agency's efforts to fix the current load shedding issue. The specific aim of Bill 36-37, which was drafted in close collaboration with GPA, is to expedite the protest procedures for critical procurement contracts that coincided with the deadlines associated with the expenditure of federal funds for infrastructure projects.

While I appreciate Senator Parkinson's enthusiasm in his role as the oversight chair on Utilities, I want to encourage him to collaborate more closely with his agencies to assure that we are all on the same page when identifying the specific needs of GPA in getting us through what can only be described as an ongoing crisis.

As always, my office is ready to assist GPA and other agencies across our government to identify the procurement policies needed to make life livable and enjoyable for our people.”

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