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EXPLANATORY NOTE

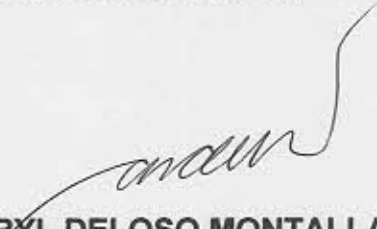
This bill seeks the construction of the Botolan-Capas Road to be known as the Tarlac-Zambales Expressway (TZEx).

The Province of Zambales is part of the W-growth corridor. While the rest of the said growth corridor experience, as of late, rapid economic growth, Zambales remains a laggard when it comes to economic development. The ecotourist potential of the province remains to be tapped and infusion of capital and investment in infrastructure are keys in the opening of the tourism treasure throve of Zambales.

The link between investments in infrastructure and economic growth is well established in literature. A positive correlation exists between infrastructure, economic growth and poverty reduction. This is exemplified by the construction, development and maintenance of a road network in a specified area. Several studies suggests that an efficient and well-maintained road system allows competitive transport costs that result in reduce price of commodities, increased accessibility to basic social services and better access to high paying jobs, production and marketing of high-value cash crops and supply of cheaper agricultural inputs.

An expressway that will link the Province of Zambales to the economic hubs in Tarlac and Pampanga will drastically cut transit time and will enable trade exchanges among the provinces. This will be translated to the socio-economic boost of the Province of Zambales. Moreover, promotion of Zambales as a tourist destination area will be emphasized which will also redound to the financial gains of the province.

It is in this light that this bill is being filed and immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOTOLAN-CAPAS ROAD
CONNECTING THE PROVINCES OF ZAMBALES AND TARLAC

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The Botolan-Capas Road shall be opened and constructed under the primary supervision and control of the Department of Public Works and Highways. This road network shall be known as the Tarlac-Zambales Expressway (TZEx).

SECTION 2. The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) shall endorse the construction of the Botolan-Capas Road for funding either through a government guarantee via the Official Development Assistance (ODA) or private sector participation under a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Scheme as a multi-year project.

The DPWH shall be responsible for the implementation and operationalization of the Botolan-Capas Road including the feasibility and detailed engineering studies and acquisition of site.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

Approved,