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**Thru: ATTY. RYSAN C. GUINOCOR**  
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**Subject:** A letter in response to the Demand letter about my Outstanding Liabilities and for the delay in finishing my Ph.D. degree

Dear Dr. Tulin:

Good day!

I am writing this letter to formally respond to the demand letter I received dated June 8, 2022. First and foremost, I would like to ask for an apology for the delayed response for aside being busy with all the teaching and other school-related work, I also had a hard time finding the copy of this said letter for it has been enclosed with my other documents (NBC's, AACCUP papers, COPC documents, OBE syllabus, Deferred grades, etc). With this, I am so sorry.

As one recipient of the K-to 12 scholars in the year 2016, I admit the obligations stated therein as my outstanding payables to the university for not completing my Ph.D. degree in the prescribed period of my scholarship grant contract.

Studying Ph.D. Econ in an Accelerated Track in a prestigious university, Ateneo de Manila University, is indeed, not easy. In an accelerated track, I need to finish first all the Master's Units in Economics (*I even graduated MA Econ; please refer to attached Diploma*) as a prerequisite, which devoted more than a year before I could start my Ph.D. courses. With this, I only had one semester and an intersession allotted for my dissertation.

As planned and as advised by my Adviser, I need to gather data during peak season (March, April, May of 2020 since my proposed topic focuses on Solid Waste Management of tourists in selected Island Destination in the Province of Leyte. Hence, I decided to reinstate back to teaching rather than using the extension study leave doing nothing (*kindly refer to the attached letter dated July 2019*). This is one reason I returned back to duty (teaching) despite I have not yet done with the degree.

The first case of COVID 19 struck in the Philippines last January 2020, it brought many adjustments and changes in my plan of study. The lockdowns, travel restrictions and temporary closures in the operation of businesses particularly tourist destinations deviate me from my planned timeline to enroll and finish the degree.

Moreover, it was August of 2020, when all of us in the family (My husband, our kids and me) got infected and diagnosed positive with COVID -19. Said experience brought so much deep dejection

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