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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED NEED TO INVESTIGATE THE CORRUPT
PRACTICES AND EXTORTION OF MILLIONS OF PESOS BY CERTAIN LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM COMPANIES BELONGING TO THE BUSINESS
PROCESS OUTSOURCING INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 20 provides: "The State recognizes the indispensable role of the private sector, encourages private enterprise, and provides incentives to needed investments";

WHEREAS, Section 18 of the same provides: "The State affirms labor as a primary social economic force. It shall protect the rights of workers and promote their welfare";

WHEREAS, according to various complaints, abusive law enforcement agents have conspired with corporate employees in the business process outsourcing (BPO) industry to extort money from the foreign owners of these corporations, leading to the closure of several companies and unemployment of hundreds of individuals;

WHEREAS, it was complained that certain employees would bribe law enforcement agents to raid their office premises under the allegation that the outsourcing companies they work for commit illegal activities even if these were not true;

WHEREAS, these raids are conducted at regular intervals, and in order to avoid, if not minimize business interruption, the owners of these companies would bribe the law enforcement officers involved to immediately release their employees and confiscated assets, such as computers;

WHEREAS, the law enforcement officers and corporate officials or employees involved in the raid would share the bribe paid to them by the corporate owners; since most of these corporate owners are foreigners, they would rather choose not to pursue legal action in the country due to the length of the proceedings;

WHEREAS, the corporate owners would therefore close-shop and transfer their business elsewhere where they are not bothered by corrupt law officials;

WHEREAS, this scheme has proven to be a lucrative operation for corrupt law enforcement officers, which could effectively lead to the slow demise of the BPO industry in the country;

WHEREAS, it was alleged by the complaints that the extorted money received by these law agents and corporate employees amount to millions of pesos;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the integrity of our law enforcement agencies and its officials should be maintained; however, such questionable and illicit acts allegedly committed by some law enforcement officers will continue to bring disrepute to our law enforcement agencies if not immediately corrected and punished;

WHEREAS, in order for the sunshine industry to continue to bloom, these corrupt law enforcement officials in cohort with greedy corporate employees should be tracked down and penalized without mercy in order to secure employment for many Filipinos and promote good business environment for foreign investors;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged need to investigate the corrupt practices and extortion of millions of pesos by certain law enforcement officers from companies belonging to the business process outsourcing industry.

Adopted,


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