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Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON DRUMS OF SHABU CHEMICALS ALLEGEDLY LEFT INSIDE A FORMER SHABU WAREHOUSE IN VILLA LIWAYWAY, MAYSAN, VALENZUELA WHICH HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF COMPLAINTS OF RESIDENTS, WITH THE END VIEW OF IDENTIFYING OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS WAREHOUSES IN THE COUNTRY AND RECOMMENDING THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION AND/OR POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to safeguard the integrity of its territory and the well-being of its citizenry particularly the youth, from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs on their physical and mental well-being;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) was reported to have discovered a shabu warehouse in Villa Liwayway, Maysan, Valenzuela last July 2004;

WHEREAS, three (3) months after PDEA discovered the shabu warehouse, one hundred forty seven (147) drums of assorted chemicals, six (6) sacks of white substance labeled "sodium acetate," two (2) mechanical driers with motor pumps, three (3) hydro generators, two (2) processing machines, five (5) motor pumps, two (2) pieces plastic round filter paper, and one (1) gallon motor oil, all used in manufacturing shabu were said to have remained inside the warehouse;

WHEREAS, the shabu warehouse is in a residential area in Valenzuela, and residents, including children, have been complaining about the foul odor emitted by the chemicals left inside the warehouse which they said causes them chest pains;


WHEREAS, residents of Villa Liwayway said they have written PDEA several times about the problems caused by the shabu warehouse but said their letters have fallen on deaf ears;

WHEREAS, Section 21 of Republic Act No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 mandates that the PDEA shall take charge and have custody of all dangerous drugs, plant sources of dangerous drugs, controlled precursors and essential chemicals, as well instruments/paraphernalia and/or laboratory equipment so confiscated, seized and/or surrendered, for proper disposition within seven (7) days;

WHEREAS, concerned individuals fear that the shabu warehouse in Villa Liwayway, Maysan, Valenzuela may not be an isolated case and that there may be similar dangerous drugs warehouses in the country that pose harmful effects to Filipinos;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on drums of shabu chemicals allegedly left inside a former shabu warehouse in Villa Liwayway, Maysan, Valenzuela which has been the subject of complaints of residents, with the end view of identifying other dangerous drugs warehouses in the country and recommending the effective implementation and/or possible amendment of Republic Act No. 9165.

Adopted,



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Senator