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Introduced by **SENATOR RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA**

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DISAPPEARANCE AND ALLEGED ABDUCTION OF PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (PDEA) AGENT MERTON FESWAY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF RECOMMENDING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES THAT WOULD ENSURE PROTECTION AND SAFETY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE MANDATED DUTIES

WHEREAS, on the evening of 25 June 2021, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) Agent Merton Fesway ("PDEA Agent Fesway"), native of Samoki, Bontoc, Mountain Province, was allegedly abducted by unknown men outside the PDEA Office in Angeles City, Pampanga.¹

WHEREAS, according to Teresita Fesway, mother of PDEA Agent Fesway, they found out about his alleged abduction from a former PDEA classmate of his son who called and informed her to go to the office because something allegedly happened to PDEA Agent Fesway.³

WHEREAS, according to newly installed Regional Director Bryan Babang of PDEA Region III, initial investigations reveal that, PDEA Agent Fesway failed to

¹ <https://www.philstar.com/pilipino-star-ngayon/probinsiya/2021/07/05/2110286/pdea-agent-dinukot-sa-angeles-city>

³ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-nYI3gW39M>

disclose to his "buddy" the identity of the unknown female confidential informant whom he was supposed to talk to prior to his disappearance.⁴

WHEREAS, an alarming incident was likewise reported on 18 February 2019 wherein PDEA Intelligence Officer II (IO II) Enrico G. Barba was found dead in Camarines Sur. Based on the initial report, IO II Enrico G. Barba informed his team leader and provincial office that he was going to meet his confidential informant for a planned anti-drug operation. On the same evening, his team leader tried to call him but to no avail. He was eventually found in a concrete canal, facing upward, hands and mouth were tied and wrapped in packaging tape.⁶

WHEREAS, PDEA was created for the efficient and effective enforcement of the provisions of Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 on dangerous drugs and/or precursors and essential chemicals;⁹

WHEREAS, to be able for PDEA to pursue a forceful, intensive and unrelenting campaign against drug trafficking and the use of illegal drugs as mandated by existing laws and executive orders, there is a need to ensure the safety and security of its agents and personnel;

WHEREAS, disappearance and killings of law enforcement agents and authorities greatly affects the public's trust and confidence on the peace and order situation of the country.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to determine the adequacy of laws, rules and regulations and operational protocols for the safety and protection of our anti-illegal drug authorities;

⁴ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-nYI3gW39M>

⁶ https://pdea.gov.ph/2-uncategorised/1326-pdea-agent-found-dead-in-camarines-sur?fbclid=IwAR0k26VIGK0PZopUDAcrk9imCwCYsJ5u9rvWWMXfxaUcoLTQt8YXv_jKezo

⁹ Executive Order No. 218

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alarming disappearance and alleged abduction of PDEA Agent Merton Fesway, with the end in view of recommending legislative measures that would ensure the protection and safety of law enforcement agents in the performance of their respective mandated duties.

Adopted,


RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA