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Introduced by **SENATOR RAFFY T. TULFO**

A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ALLEGED ANOMALIES,
MISMANAGEMENT, AND CORRUPT PRACTICES PREVALENT IN THE STATE-
RUN PHILIPPINE TELEVISION NETWORK INC. (PTV 4) INCLUDING BUT
NOT LIMITED TO NON-INCREASE OF EMPLOYEE SALARIES FOR THE PAST
15 YEARS, IRREGULAR COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
MISUSE OF FUNDS

1 **WHEREAS, Article III Section 1** of the Philippine Constitution mandates and
2 guarantees that: *"No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or PROPERTY without*
3 *due process of law, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the laws."*
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5 **WHEREAS,** likewise enshrined in **Article XIII, Section 3 of the 1987**
6 **Constitution** that, *"The State shall afford full protection to labor, local and overseas,*
7 *organized and unorganized, and promote full employment opportunities for all."*
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9 **WHEREAS,** on September 02, 2022, then Press Secretary Trixie Angeles-Cruz
10 admitted that the employee salaries of state-run broadcasting network PTV 4 is not at
11 par with industry standard.¹

12 **WHEREAS,** during the Budget Hearing for the Office of the Press Secretary
13 before the Senate Finance Committee last October 2022, several questionable

¹ Panti, L.T. (02 September 2022), "Angeles: Salaries of state-run PTV 4 employees below industry rate."
<https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/nation/843574/angeles-salaries-of-state-run-ptv-4-employees-below-industry-rate/story/>.

1 practices, problems and anomalies surfaced surrounding PTV 4, which came to the
2 attention of and raised before the Committee by Senator Raffy Tulfo.²

3 **WHEREAS**, during the aforesaid Budget hearing, several photos and videos
4 were submitted showing the sorry state of PTV 4's building – broken toilet bowls,
5 dingy and dilapidated office rooms, with dripping and collapsing ceilings, inadequate
6 office equipment whereby chairs are tied to the tables to avoid being misplaced or
7 lost, a supposed Studio C which was never used except as a warehouse, no rest area
8 for crew who are forced to stay overnight, no decent pantry for food storage and food
9 preparation and congested parking lot;

10 **WHEREAS**, to add insult to injury, the equipment used by PTV 4 employees
11 are also outdated and their vehicles are not subjected to regular maintenance check-
12 up and repairs;

13 **WHEREAS**, on October 13, 2022, as a result of the expose of Senator Raffy
14 Tulfo during the Senate budget hearings, then Press Secretary OIC Cheloy Garafil
15 visited the office of PTV4 to check on the state of the network and talked to the
16 employees to address their issues and concerns. He promised to find solutions to their
17 problems such as regularization of its contractual employees, salary increase and
18 payment of benefits, modernization of its facilities and equipment;³

19 **WHEREAS**, five months after the said visit, none of the promised solutions
20 were realized, as reported by the People's Television Employees Association (PTEA),
21 except for the agreement between PTV4 and Quezon City Circle management to afford
22 the former's employees parking slots at the QC Memorial Circle but with a fee of
23 P20.00/day.

24 **WHEREAS**, PTEA further alleges that the Commission on Audit or COA has
25 previously flagged several anomalous transactions of the network, such as, but not

² Lalu, G.P. (10 October 2022), "I can tell, they've pocketed money: Tulfo says of ex-PTV4 execs".
<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1677984/i-can-tell-theyve-pocketed-money-tulfo-says-of-ex-ptv-network-execs>.

³ Gitta-Carlos, R.A. 13 October 2022, "OPS OIC hears concerns of PTV-4 personnel",
<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1186109>

1 limited to - *Payment of non-existent parking lot amounting to Php 1,300,172.70,*
2 *Purchase of Switcher amounting to Php 285,904.00 and Deficiencies in the liquidation*
3 *of expenditures under several Barter Liquidation vouchers amounting to almost Php*
4 *3,000,000.00.*

5 **WHEREAS**, PTEA likewise claims that several Management level officers enjoy
6 the luxury of bringing their families with them to official trips abroad, with all expenses
7 chargeable to the office, while field employees are given limited allowance and
8 resources when performing field tasks and covering offsite events;

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10 **WHEREAS**, PTV 4 employees have been pushing for a Complementary Salary
11 Adjustment through the Board of Directors in order to grant reasonable and more
12 realistic salary adjustments for the past five years, but the same has been consistently
13 ignored;

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15 **WHEREAS**, the current composition of the Board of Directors is likewise highly
16 questionable due to the seat given to Ms. Kat De Castro who is a Deputy-Director of
17 the Philippine Information Agency at the same time, pursuant to the Clarification letter
18 of Commissioner Geraldine Berberabe-Martinez of the Governance Commission for
19 Government-Owned or Controlled Corporation stating that Ms. De Castro cannot
20 concurrently occupy the two aforesaid positions;

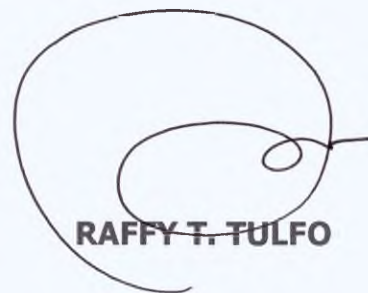
21 **WHEREAS**, majority of PTV 4 employees are still under "job order" or Contract
22 of Service (COS) status, with no definite benefits such as gratuity, Service Recognition
23 Leave (SRI), no insurance coverage, no clothing allowance for anchors and no hazard
24 pay;

25 **WHEREAS**, when a driver of PTV 4 -Davao, Mr. Roger Fernandez figured in an
26 accident while he was on his way to cover a presidential event, the management never
27 extended any form of assistance to him and even denied liability. Instead, he was
28 forced to shoulder the damages with his personal resources, surrender his atm as
29 collateral for the cash loan he incurred, and only the PTEA employees took initiative
30 to raise funds to help him;

1 **WHEREAS**, it is necessary to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation to
2 determine the extent of the aforementioned issues and concerns, with the end view
3 of proposing remedial measures to the situation;

4 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved,
5 to direct the appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation,
6 on the alleged anomalies, mismanagement and corrupt practices prevalent in the
7 state-run Philippine Television Network, Incorporated (PTV 4) including but not limited
8 to non-increase if employee salaries for the past fifteen years, irregular composition
9 of the Board of Directors and misuse of funds.

Adopted,



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