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**P.S. RES. No. 370**

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Introduced by: Senator Raffy T. Tulfo

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**A RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN**  
**INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE PROPOSED MRT PRICE HIKE**  
**WITH THE END VIEW OF ADOPTING APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES AND**  
**PARAMETERS IN SETTING FARE HIKES FOR THE PROTECTION AND BENEFIT**  
**OF THE COMMUTING PUBLIC**

1 WHEREAS, no less than the 1987 Philippine Constitution upholds the right of  
2 people to freedom of movement and assures that the State has the duty to provide and  
3 promote safe and accessible public transportation with the end goal of achieving inclusive  
4 economic growth and development;

5 WHEREAS, the Manila Metro Rail Transit System or commonly known as  
6 "MRT" system serves as a vital public transportation network providing the Filipino  
7 commuters convenient, effective, and affordable mode of transportation;

8 WHEREAS, a petition has been refiled by the operator of MRT 3 with the  
9 Department of Transportation (DOTr) to increase the current fares within the MRT3 line;

10 WHEREAS, the refiled of the fare hike petition came after the recent increase in  
11 the minimum wage in NCR by a measly P40.00, and two weeks after the approval of the  
12 fare increase for Light Rail Transit (LRT) Line 1 and Line 2 which shall be implemented  
13 on August 2, 2023;

14 WHEREAS, the MRT-3 management is seeking to increase the boarding fare from  
15 Php 11 to Php 13.29 and the distance fare from Php 1 to Php 1.21 per kilometer;

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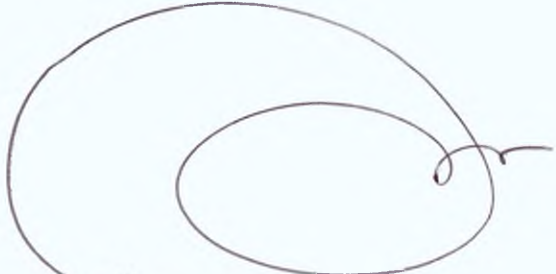
1           WHEREAS, the impending MRT price hike has raised serious concerns from the  
2 general public, with perceived direct economic and physical strains on  
3 commuters, thereby affecting their daily activities;

4           WHEREAS, student commuters and minimum-wage earners will directly suffer the  
5 brunt of the renewed petition for a fare increase in MRT, considering that the wage  
6 increase of P40.00 has not been fully-implemented and the prices of basic commodities  
7 remain unreasonable and costly for the majority of Filipinos;

8           WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the government to protect the interests of its  
9 citizens, particularly on matters concerning the public services and transportation;

10           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved to  
11 direct the proper Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the  
12 proposed MRT price hike with the end view of adopting appropriate guidelines and  
13 parameters in setting fare hikes for the protection and benefit of the commuting public.

*Adopted,*



Raffy Tulfo