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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 PROPER SEIZURE,
CONFISCATION, AND DISPOSAL OF PERISHABLE GOODS**

1 WHEREAS, a warehouse in Tondo, Manila was raided last 20 June 2023 for storing
2 food products without the requisite permits and documents from the Food and Drug
3 Administration (FDA).

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5 WHEREAS, during the inspection, it was discovered that the warehouse was not
6 covered with a business permit and its workers have no occupational permits and health
7 certificate from the local government.

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9 WHEREAS, several months after the operation, the warehouse, including with the
10 goods therein, was left unattended and the BOC failed to collect and confiscate the
11 products which caused the products to rot, produce meat juice outflow, and foul odor
12 resulting in hazards to the health of residents within the area.

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14 WHEREAS, despite the residents' repeated pleas to the BOC to have the warehouse
15 cleaned and emptied, no action was made on the part of the BOC.

1 WHEREAS, the residents near the vicinity of the warehouse have already begun
2 contracting illnesses due to the nauseating and noxious smell from the warehouse.

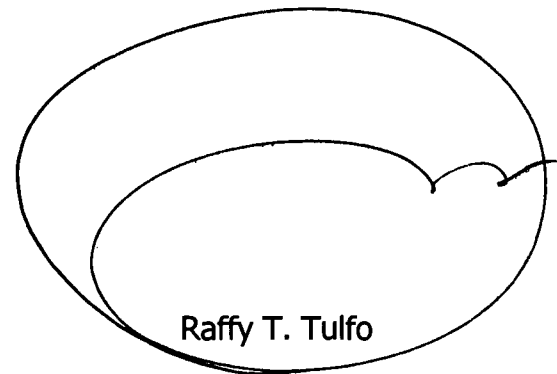
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4 WHEREAS, according to the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, forfeited
5 smuggled goods shall be disposed of in a manner to be determined by the appropriate
6 regulatory agency. Likewise, Customs Administrative Order 03-2020 details the modes of
7 disposition of seized, abandoned, and forfeited goods by the BOC.

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9 WHEREAS, there is a need to investigate whether the foregoing law and regulation
10 are being followed by the BOC and whether the same is applicable to pending cases
11 before the BOC where there is still no clear decision whether the subject goods are seized
12 or forfeited.

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14 WHEREAS, proper protocol for seizure, confiscation, and disposal of goods should
15 be established and strictly enforced to avoid environmental and health hazards.

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17 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the appropriate
18 Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the proper seizure,
19 confiscation, and disposal of goods.

Adopted,



Raffy T. Tulfo