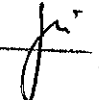


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RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AUTHORITY MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR INTEGRATING P550 TERMINAL FEE
ON AIRLINE TICKETS**

WHEREAS, Section 18, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State affirms labor as primary social economic force. It shall protect rights of workers and promote their welfare;

WHEREAS, Section 35 of Republic Act No. 8042, as amended by Republic Act 10022, provides that all laws to the contrary notwithstanding, the migrant workers shall be exempt from the payment of travel tax and airport-fee upon proper showing of proof entitlement by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration;

WHEREAS, according to news reports, Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) cried foul over the inclusion of P550 terminal fee on airline tickets mandated by Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) Memorandum Circular 08, series of 2014¹;

WHEREAS, the circular released by the MIAA are mandating all airline and travel agencies to incorporate a terminal fee of P550 in their tickets for all international passengers including OFWs²;

WHEREAS, the implementation of MIAA Memorandum Circular No. 8, series of 2014, was deferred to Nov.1, 2014 instead of the scheduled implementation on October 1, 2014³;

WHEREAS, according to the MIAA, the purpose of the policy is to decongest and ease the traffic in airports⁴;

¹ GMA News Website, PNoy urged to junk circular on terminal fee integration, <http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/384527/pinoyabroad/news/pnoy-urged-to-junk-circular-on-terminal-fee-integration>

² Ibid.

³ Ibid

⁴ ABS-CBN News Website, Why OFWs are against new policy on terminal fees, <http://www.abs-cbnnews.com/global-filipino/09/30/14/why-ofws-are-against-new-policy-terminal-fees>

WHEREAS, the #noto550 coalition of OFWs and civil groups, in its position paper presented to Department of Transportation and Communications Secretary Joseph Abaya, conveyed their sentiments that the OFWs have already sacrificed so much and neglecting some of their few benefits is unjust⁵;

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the State to look in this matter to ensure that OFWs, considered as new heroes and an integral part of the Philippine economy, continue to enjoy their rights and privileges granted by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved to direct the proper Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the Manila International Airport Authority Memorandum Circular integrating P550 terminal fee on airline tickets.

Approved,



MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
Senator

⁵ Ibid.