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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 9 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides:

“The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.”

Alleviating poverty is one of the most strenuous and persistent challenge that the country has to resolve. Poverty stems from an array of factors such as geography, culture, population, availability of resources, and other influences that cannot be simply measured as a whole. Therefore, addressing poverty requires localized and area-specific programs in particular cities or municipalities in order to free the people from poverty and to raise the standard of living.


This proposed measure seeks to establish and maintain a regular monitoring system that is community based and area specific in all barangays wherein data collected shall institutionalize a nationwide databank that can be utilized by national government agencies and local government units in the formulation and implementation of poverty-alleviation and development programs as well as observing the impacts of such programs regarding the quality of life of the Filipino people.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this proposed measure is earnestly sought.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress
assembled:*

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Community Based
2 Monitoring Systems (CBMS) Act of 2016.”
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4 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Principles.** – It is the policy of the State to free the people
5 from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, deliver a rising
6 standard of living, promote full employment, and make available an improved quality of
7 life for all.
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9 It is also the policy of the State to adopt focused and specific measures that will ensure
10 poverty reduction wherein every citizen shall have access to the minimum basic needs.
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12 It is likewise the policy of the State to adopt a system of public spending that will warrant
13 government allocation on areas and populaces that are most wanting.
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15 Towards this end, the State shall adopt a community based monitoring system that shall
16 be the basis of targeted poverty alleviation projects and schemes.
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18 **SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.** – For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall
19 be defined as follows:
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21 a. “Community Based Monitoring System” shall mean an organized electronic
22 system of collecting and processing data at the local level. It shall include, but
23 not be limited to the compendium of localized facts and figures on the different
24 dimensions of poverty including health, nutrition, housing, water and sanitation,
25 basic education, income, employment, and peace and order;
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27 b. “Barangay” shall mean the basic political unit as defined in Republic Act 7160,
28 otherwise known as “The Local Government Code”;
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- 1 c. "DILG" shall mean the Department of Interior and Local Government;
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3 d. "DICT" shall mean the Department of Information and Communications
4 Technology;
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6 e. "PSA" shall mean the Philippine Statistics Authority.
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8 **SECTION 4. *Mandatory Community Based Monitoring System.*** – A community based
9 monitoring system (CBMS) is hereby established and instituted in every barangay as an
10 economic and social tool towards the alleviation of poverty. The monitoring system shall
11 collect and generate pertinent and regular data from each locality that will enable
12 government institutions to implement projects that are specific, targeted, and responsive
13 to the basic needs of each sector of the community.
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15 Each barangay unit shall be the primary data collecting authority within its locality. For
16 purposes of data collection, it shall have full access to the resources of, and be supported
17 by the municipal/city government to which it belongs. The PSA shall likewise, give the
18 corresponding assistance and technical reinforcement as may be needed by each
19 barangay.
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21 **SECTION 5. *Periodicity of Data Collection.*** – Synchronized data collection must be
22 conducted every three (3) years or as often as viable to maintain an updated databank.
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24 **SECTION 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations / Role of DILG, DICT and PSA.*** –
25 The PSA and the DILG shall work together and issue the implementing rules and
26 regulations necessary for the enforcement of this Act within ninety (90) days from its
27 effectivity. The agencies shall work in consultation with the necessary government
28 offices and other stake holders from both private and public sectors in the relevant fields
29 as identified in the immediately succeeding paragraph.
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31 The PSA and the DILG shall ensure that the CBMS shall be as comprehensive as
32 practicable, taking into account the following key areas and basic needs necessary for
33 nationwide development:
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- 35 a) Health;
36 b) Nutrition;
37 c) Housing;
38 d) Water and sanitation;
39 e) Basic education;
40 f) Income
41 g) Employment; and
42 h) Peace and order.
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44 The DILG shall ensure adequate capacity building of each barangay to guarantee proper
45 data collection through intensive training, information dissemination, and constant

1 monitoring of all barangay personnel. Towards this end, personnel re-organization may
2 be directed.

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4 The PSA shall be national repository of all CBMS data collected by the local government
5 units.

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7 The DICT, in coordination with the DILG, shall be given three (3) years from the
8 effectivity of this Act to provide all barangays with the necessary equipment and training
9 to implement the provisions of this Act. It shall endeavor to establish a user-friendly,
10 automated local system, as well as provide the necessary hardware and digital connection
11 necessary to maintain a national databank accessible to government agencies as identified
12 in Section 6 hereof.

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14 **SECTION 7. Confidentiality of Data.** – The PSA, in coordination with the DILG and the
15 local government units, shall collect all data gathered from the barangays and create a
16 national databank of collated information. It shall take measures to ensure the safety of
17 the information gathered against unnecessary leakage and access by unauthorized
18 persons.

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20 The barangay, municipalities, cities and provinces shall have access to its local and
21 territory-specific data, and shall be allowed to maintain its own CBMS database for use
22 for local level planning and program implementation.

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24 Nationwide data may be released to national government offices upon the written order
25 of the President, Vice-President, Senate President, Speaker of the House of
26 Representatives or Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

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28 Data collected through the CBMS may be released for purposes of formulating poverty-
29 alleviating and other sustainable development projects only. However, CBMS data may
30 also be combined with other government information for evidence-based decision-
31 making.

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33 **SECTION 8. Guarantee of Privacy.** – The right to privacy of every citizen shall remain
34 inviolable. Participation in all data collection activities shall be purely voluntary, and all
35 who voluntarily partake may refuse to answer any question or reveal information about
36 himself at any point, or terminate the activity with no further action needed. Data
37 gathered shall be kept anonymous, and will only be available to the government officials
38 as allowed in Section 7 of this Act.

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40 **SECTION 9. Appropriation.** – An initial amount of Two Billion Pesos (PhP
41 2,000,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated and shall be made available from the funds of
42 the PSA, DILG and the DICT not otherwise appropriated for the immediate
43 implementation of this Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued
44 enactment of this Act shall be provided in the yearly General Appropriation Act of the
45 national government.

1 **SECTION 10. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act
2 is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall
3 remain in full force and effect.

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5 **SECTION 11. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules
6 and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
7 repealed or modified accordingly.

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9 **SECTION 12. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon the approval
10 and publication thereof.

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12 *Approved,*