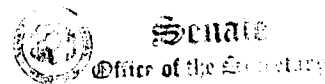


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RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION OVER THE RECENT CYBER ATTACK
INCIDENT ON THE PHILHEALTH WEBSITE AND ALL OTHER WEBSITES OF
OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

1 **WHEREAS**, Article II of the Constitution declares that the State recognizes the
2 vital role of communication and information in nation-building;

3 **WHEREAS**, the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012 safeguards the integrity of
4 computer systems, networks, and databases from all forms of misuse, abuse, and
5 illegal access, and provides penalties for cybercrimes and other computer-related
6 offenses;

7 **WHEREAS**, the Data Privacy Act of 2012 requires that personal data in
8 information and communications systems in the government and in the private sector
9 are secured and protected;

10 **WHEREAS**, last September 22, 2023, a ransomware was launched on the
11 PhilHealth website by the Medusa ransomware group who, is a relatively new group
12 of hackers but is one of the most feared group in the world for their willingness and
13 sophisticated attacks on large organizations, demanded a ransom of three hundred
14 thousand US dollars (\$300,000.00) for them not to expose the data they illegally
15 obtained to the public;

16 **WHEREAS**, the compromised data includes confidential information of
17 Filipinos such as names, addresses, contact information, and medical records, as well
18 as internal memos and memoranda from PhilHealth officials;

1 **WHEREAS**, according to news report, PhilHealth does not intend to pay the
2 ransom to Medusa ransomware group;

3 **WHEREAS**, this incident has exposed the vulnerability of the agency's data
4 security measures and emphasized the importance of a fortified cybersecurity
5 measure especially in sectors dealing with sensitive public data;

6 **WHEREAS**, numerous government agency websites have been subjected to
7 cyber-attacks, examples include: 1) the hacking of the internal computer system of
8 the Office of the Ombudsman on September 2023; 2) the alleged breach against the
9 NBI and PNP database containing sample photos of IDs, and PNP and NBI clearances
10 last February 2023; 3) the attacks against the Facebook pages of various government
11 agencies; 4) the COMELEC Data Breach last March 2016; and 5) the attack against
12 the main Philippine government portal "gov.ph" last 2021, among others;

13 **WHEREAS**, the incidents of hacking government websites significantly affect
14 the trust and confidence of the public and require the Senate's intervention as a matter
15 of economic and national security concern;

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, as it is hereby
17 resolved, to direct the appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of
18 legislation over the recent Cyber Attack Incident on the PhilHealth website and all
19 other websites of other Government Agencies.

Adopted,


MARK A. VILLAR