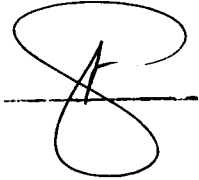


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P.S. Res. No. 816

Introduced by Senator Raffy T. Tulfo

A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ALLEGED
MASSIVE ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT SCHEMES PERPETRATED IN ITALY,
VICTIMIZING HUNDREDS OF FILIPINOS BY PAYING EXORBITANT FEES FOR
NON-EXISTENT JOBS

1 WHEREAS, Sec. 2. of Republic Act No. 11641, otherwise known as the
2 "Department of Migrant Workers Act" states that it is the duty of the State to protect the
3 rights and promote the welfare of Overseas Filipino Workers and their families, including
4 but not limited to "ensuring that private recruitment shall meet professional, legal, and
5 ethical standards;"

6 WHEREAS, on September 23, 2023, a report by the Daily Tribune surfaced stating
7 that more than 400 Filipinos aspiring to go and work in Italy have been victimized by a
8 multi-million peso scam, particularly, through an immigration consultancy firm named
9 Alpha Assistenza SRL. This company was reported to be headed by Filipino co-CEOs
10 Krizelle Respicio and Frederick Dutarro;

11 WHEREAS, according to the OFW victims, they were lured into believing that they
12 will get jobs in Italy after paying Alpha Assistenza at least 2500 euros (Php 120,000.00),
13 while some of them admitted to paying a total of 5780 euros (Php 347, 140.00). Alpha

1 Assistenza SRL had no legal personality whatsoever to process the work visa applications
2 of Filipinos seeking jobs in Italy;

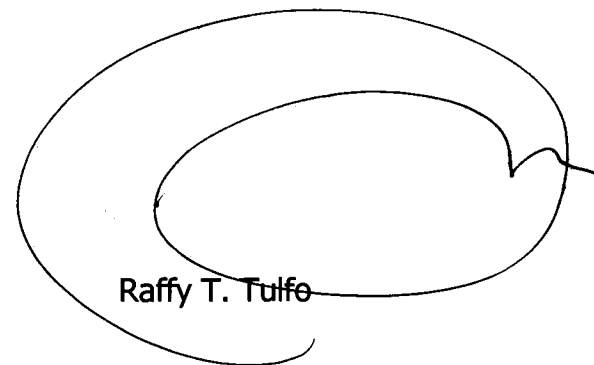
3 WHEREAS, Alpha Assistenza's scheme allegedly involved the use of bogus work
4 permits (nulla osta) which the OFWs only discovered as fake when these were presented
5 at the visa processing center;

6 WHEREAS, 68 complainants have filed formal complaints with the Department of
7 Justice in Manila while the Philippine embassy in Italy has alerted the Public Prosecutors
8 Office in Rome, the SUI, the Questura and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and
9 International Cooperation of the alleged large-scale fraud;

10 WHEREAS, some allegations of "non-action" by the Philippine consulate in Milan
11 were also noted based on the victims stories.

12 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the
13 appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the alleged
14 massive illegal recruitment schemes perpetrated in Italy, victimizing hundreds of Filipinos
15 by paying exorbitant fees for non-existent jobs, with the end view of reviewing existing
16 laws and policies on illegal recruitment and adopting other legislative measures to curb
17 the proliferation of such vicious acts.

Adopted,



Raffy T. Tulfo