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Introduced by Senator Raffy T. Tulfo

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**A RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN**  
**INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION TO THE JEEPNEY PHASE-OUT**

1           WHEREAS, the implementation of the Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program  
2 sees the phasing out of our traditional jeepneys. But instead of phasing them out, the  
3 government should focus on advancing the jeepney manufacturing industry to provide  
4 safer and more efficient traditional jeepneys. They have been in operation in the  
5 Philippines for nearly 80-years now. Jeepneys have become an institution and are  
6 practically synonymous with the country, serving as a cultural icon and symbol of  
7 ingenuity.

8           WHEREAS, the modernized public utility vehicles that will be brought in to ply our  
9 roads are from China. While this will enrich other nations, our local manufacturers are  
10 going to be put out of business. As the West Philippine Sea is already being invaded by  
11 China, we now let them invade our roads too with these new Public Utility Vehicles (PUV's)

12           WHEREAS, both the jeepney drivers and operators must have equitable support  
13 from the government in the implementation of the modernization of our transportation  
14 facilities since 2.4 million is an utterly large amount of money. The implementation of

1 the Program unduly places our jeepney drivers in debt, to enable them to continue with  
2 their livelihood.

3 WHEREAS, the drivers and operators expressed disapproval on the proposed Fleet  
4 Management System because they are apprehensive that this would disadvantage work  
5 to their and endanger their livelihoods.

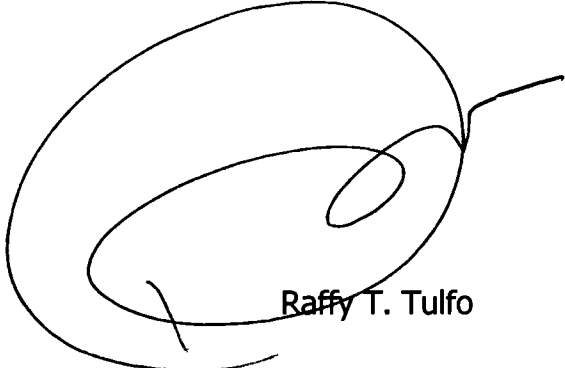
6 WHEREAS, our jeepney drivers and operators are also at a loss as to how to start  
7 a cooperative because of lack of information and direction regarding the matter. The  
8 LTFRB will require the submission of several documents such as incorporation papers  
9 and business plans, of which majority of them have little knowledge of.

10 WHEREAS, the phase-out does not only affect the transport workers but also the  
11 commuters. The sudden reduction in the mode of transportation will increase the  
12 challenge of commuting. And given the cost of the modernized public utility vehicles,  
13 fare hikes will be expected to add to the burden of our former jeepney riders, particularly  
14 students and minimum wage-earner Filipinos.

15 WHEREAS, there is greater possibility that modernization of jeepney plan only  
16 worsen will worsen the country's transit problems and further disrupt the economy as  
17 more people will eventually suffer difficulties in getting to their place of work and  
18 rendering them less productive.

19 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the  
20 appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation to the jeepney  
21 phase-out.

*Adopted,*



Raffy T. Tulfo