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Introduced by Senator Robinhood Padilla

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DELIVERY OF AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION SERVICES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM, PARTICULARLY ITS PROVINCIAL AGRARIAN REFORM COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PARCCOM), ON THE RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS ATTACHED TO THE CERTIFICATE OF LAND OWNERSHIP AWARDS, AND ON THE AVAILABLE GOVERNMENT AGRICULTURAL CREDIT AND FINANCING ASSISTANCE TO ENSURE SUSTAINABILITY**

1 WHEREAS, Section 7, Article III of the 1987 Constitution provides that: "The  
2 right of the people to information on matters of public concern shall be recognized.";

3 WHEREAS, according to the World Bank, agricultural development is essential  
4 for poverty reduction as well as for the attainment of other Sustainable Development  
5 Goals;

6 WHEREAS, a 2014 study by Odini revealed that the lack of awareness in rural  
7 areas on information relating to agriculture is caused by insufficient information, poor  
8 infrastructures, poor agricultural systems, and illiteracy;

9 WHEREAS, information infrastructure in the Philippines is subpar in terms of  
10 disseminating laws, rules and regulations, and more importantly information relating  
11 to the social services available to underprivileged sectors;

1 WHEREAS, there is a need to package information in an impactful language with the  
2 consideration that its intended end-users are not familiar with the highly technical  
3 issuances from government agencies;

4 WHEREAS, thirty-six (36) years ago, the vision of promoting the welfare of  
5 farmers and farmworkers gave birth to Republic Act No. 6657 or the Comprehensive  
6 Agrarian Reform Law of 1988 – the landmark legislation that gives landless farmers  
7 and farmworkers the highest consideration with the end view of promoting social  
8 justice and moving the nation toward sound rural development and industrialization;

9 WHEREAS, three decades later, the country's farmers remain to have the  
10 highest poverty incidence in the basic sectors at thirty percent (30%) based on 2021  
11 data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA);

12 WHEREAS, on top of this, the CARP, which already transcended various  
13 presidencies and administrations, has been one of the most criticized programs of the  
14 government;

15 WHEREAS, one of the criticisms against the program is the reality that the  
16 public remains misguided, if not totally uninformed, of the processes and procedures  
17 involved in implementing the law, thus resulting in farmers losing their lands to  
18 wealthy landowners;

19 WHEREAS, Section 44 of RA 6657 created the Provincial Agrarian Reform  
20 Coordinating Committee (PARCCOM) under the Department of Agrarian Reform  
21 (DAR), which is tasked to provide information on the provisions of the CARP, guidelines  
22 issued by the PARC, and the progress of the CARP at the provincial level, among  
23 others;

24 WHEREAS, a crucial document that symbolizes the farmer-beneficiaries  
25 ownership of agricultural land awarded by the government is called the Certificate of  
26 Land Ownership Award (CLOA);

27 WHEREAS, the CARP law stipulates the power of CLOA, as well as its restrictions  
28 and conditions, which up to this day have not been fully understood by the farmer-  
29 beneficiaries;

30 WHEREAS, what is equally lacking is the dissemination of information relating  
31 to rules and procedures governing the cancellation of CLOAs, the emancipation of

1 patents and other titles issued under our agrarian programs and the process of  
2 reclassifying private agricultural lands to non-agricultural lands;

3 WHEREAS, such is the case of at least 2000 of Sitio Balubad, Barangay Anunas,  
4 Angeles City, who, despite having legitimate CLOAs, were forced to relocate following  
5 the claim of a private corporation that the nature of the land being disputed is  
6 *residential*;

7 WHEREAS, another recorded shortcoming of the CARP has been the issue of  
8 retention of land ownership which prompted DAR to conduct a national validation of  
9 farmer beneficiaries to make sure that the agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) had  
10 properly used the land distributed pursuant to the law;

11 WHEREAS, reports show that awardees are forced to sell their lands because  
12 of lack of access to credit facilities or government support necessary to achieve  
13 productivity gains sufficient to sustain production;

14 WHEREAS, in adherence to the Constitutional mandate to provide optimum  
15 opportunities for economic development, the government has available programs,  
16 financial and non-financial, that aim to translate into productivity gains for farmers.  
17 One example of such is the Agrarian Production Credit Program (APCP), a program  
18 that caters to ARBs to finance their agri-production projects and activities even though  
19 their organizations are not yet eligible to avail of loans from the Landbank of the  
20 Philippines;

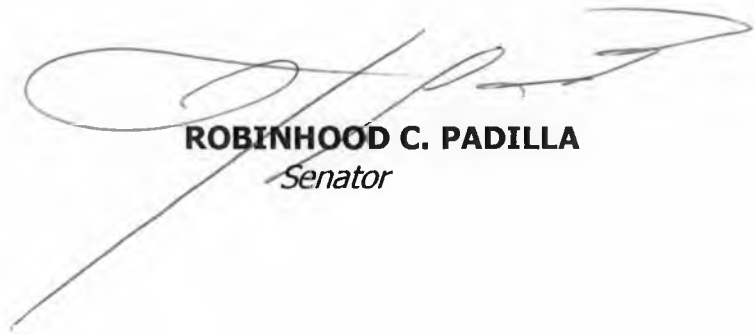
21 WHEREAS, the government owes it to our farmers, the country's food  
22 producers, to provide adequate and understandable information on their rights  
23 under the CARP law, as well as the available credit and financing assistance being  
24 implemented by the national government agencies to aid in the promotion of their  
25 welfare;

26 WHEREAS, giving our farmers access to this relevant and critical information  
27 will be beneficial in achieving the promise of the CARP law: that is, providing farmers  
28 and farmworkers with the opportunity to enhance their dignity and improve the quality  
29 of their lives through greater productivity of agricultural lands: *Now, therefore, be it*

30 RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the Senate Committee on  
31 Public Information and Mass Media to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the  
32 delivery of agricultural information services by the Department of Agrarian Reform,

- 1 particularly its Provincial Agrarian Reform Coordinating Committee (PARCOM), on the
- 2 rights and limitations attached to the certificate of land ownership awards, and on the
- 3 available government agricultural credit and financing assistance to ensure
- 4 sustainability.

Adopted.



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