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RESOLUTION URGING THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, SEC. SILVESTRE H. BELLO III, TO IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE NON-ACCOMMODATION OF ELIGIBLE BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE COVID-19 ADJUSTMENT MEASURES PROGRAM (CAMP)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7 of Republic Act No. 11332 or the “Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act”, President Rodrigo R. Duterte, by virtue of Proclamation No. 922 series of 2020, declared a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, acting on the recommendation of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council pursuant to Republic Act No. 10121 or the “Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010”, the President declared a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF) adopted a science-based approach and data analytics in assessing the risk classification of cities, provinces and regions in the country for the implementation of quarantine measures;

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 18 of the 1987 Constitution affirms labor as a primary social economic force and provides for the protection of the rights of workers and promotion of their welfare;

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 3 of the 1987 Constitution provides for full protection to labor, local and overseas, organized and unorganized, and the promotion of full employment and equality of employment opportunities for all;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11469 or the “Bayanihan to Heal as One Act”, granted the President temporary authority to carry out tasks necessary to implement measures to mitigate, if not contain the transmission of COVID-19, realign funds for social amelioration programs, and undertake means to cushion the financial impacts of quarantine measures to affected workers and enterprises such as the COVID-19 Adjustment Measures Program (CAMP) of the Department of Labor and Employment and the Small Business Wage Subsidy Program (SBWS) of the Department of Finance;

WHEREAS, latest data from the Department of Labor and Employment show that 2.76 million workers employed by 102,607 establishments nationwide have been displaced and affected by the pandemic, with the temporary closure of 80,891 establishments consisting of 1.93 million workers and the adoption of 23,488 establishments with 949,873 workers of Flexible Work Arrangements;

WHEREAS, in the report to the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee dated 25 May 2020, as required by Republic Act No. 11469 or the “Bayanihan to Heal as One Act”, a number of only 657,201 out of the 2.76 million reported displaced workers have been granted aid through the CAMP;

WHEREAS, establishments that applied for the CAMP reported that notices of their non-accommodation were received only a few days prior to the deadline of application for other subsidy programs such as the SBWS of the Department of Finance, thus leaving establishments without ample time to prepare and submit eligibility requirements;

WHEREAS, many of the workers of the establishments that applied for the CAMP opted to inform Barangay Workers surveying for the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) of their pending applications for the support programs and consequently failed to receive any form of financial subsidy amid the pandemic;

WHEREAS, in Western Visayas alone, only 1,408 establishments comprised of 23,867 workers were accommodated of the 3,716 establishments that applied for the CAMP as “the allocated budget has already been exhausted” according to the Department of Labor Regional Office VI;

WHEREAS, the implementation of measures to address the non-accommodation of eligible business establishments for the COVID-19 Adjustment Measures Program (CAMP) will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of State programs aiming to provide financial aid for affected workers and enterprises amid the COVID-19 crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to urge the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment, Sec. Silvestre H. Bello III, to immediately implement measures to address the non-accommodation of eligible business establishments for the COVID-19 Adjustment Measures Program (CAMP)

Adopted,



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