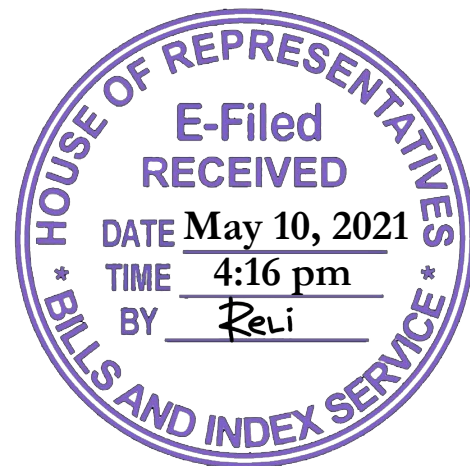


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4 Quezon City

5 **EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**
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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 1754**
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10 **Introduced by**

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18 **RESOLUTION**

19 **URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH THE COMMITTEE**
20 **ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF**
21 **LEGISLATION, ON THE FAKE MASS SURRENDER OF ALLEGED MEMBERS**
22 **OF BAYAN MUNA AND URBAN POOR ORGANIZATION KALIPUNAN NA**
23 **DAMAYANG PANLIPUNAN (KADAMAY) IN SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN**
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25 **WHEREAS**, on April 30, 2021, media outlets reported the mass surrender of 224 alleged
26 members of Bayan Muna and urban poor organization Kalipunan na Damayang Panlipunan
27 (Kadamay) in an Oath of Allegiance ceremony led by P/Gen. Valeriano De Leon, Director of
28 Philippine National Police (PNP) Region 3, Bulacan Provincial Director P/Col. Lawrence Dalipe,
29 and San Juan del Monte Mayor Arthur Robes. The initiative was reportedly led by P/Lt. Col. Fitz
30 Macariola, Acting Force Commander of Region 3 PNP under the National Task Force to End
31 Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC);
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33 **WHEREAS**, in the ceremony, Bayan Muna and Kadamay were red-tagged as "Sectoral Front
34 Organizations utilized by the Communist Terrorist Group (CTG) as their source of manpower in
35 the conduct of street rallies and demonstrations or mass mobilizations against the government".
36 The surrenderees were reportedly offered aid, livelihood, and housing in exchange for their
37 surrender;
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39 **WHEREAS**, Kadamay condemned the staged ceremony, stating that the alleged surrenderees
40 were not members of their organization. They point out that these operations of presenting fake
41 surrenderees were done without evidence and were based on mere accusations. They further
42 questioned the forced and fake surrender program in exchange for aid;
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44 **WHEREAS**, progressive organizations such as Bayan Muna and Kadamay have been the target
45 of intense red-tagging by the National Task Force to End Local Communist Insurgency (NTF-

1 ELCAC). Red-tagging is the act of labeling, branding, naming, and accusing individuals or
2 organizations as left-leaning, subversives, communists, or terrorists by State agents, particularly
3 law enforcement agencies and the military. Red-tagging has been condemned by rights groups and
4 activists as a pretext for further attacks such as arrests, and even killings;

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6 **WHEREAS**, the police and military have a longstanding record of presenting faked surrenderees
7 and pressuring members of progressive organizations to pose as communist rebel surrenderees.
8 In December 2019, the Armed forces of the Philippines (AFP) released digitally manipulated
9 photos of the 306 alleged New People’s Army (NPA) surrenderees in Masbate. The doctored
10 photos showed a group of alleged NPA rebels before a table displaying firearms allegedly
11 surrendered to the military. The Philippine Army headquarters admitted to their mistake after the
12 photos were called out by the public. In April 2020, police reported the surrender of nine (9)
13 alleged members of the NPA. Labor Group Defend Coca-Cola Workers revealed that the 9 were
14 actually contractual workers from the Coca-Cola Femsa Plant in Santa Rosa who harassed and
15 pressured by the police into posing as rebel surrenderees;

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17 **WHEREAS**, the numerous reports of forced and fake surrender raise alarm as large amounts of
18 taxpayer’s money are allotted for support programs for rebel surrenderees. Under the Enhanced-
19 Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP), a government program for rebel
20 surrenderees, each former rebel may each receive P15,000 immediate assistance, P50,000
21 livelihood assistance, P21,000 as reintegration assistance, and remunerations for surrendered
22 firearms;

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24 **WHEREAS**, Bayan Muna and Kadamay have been consistent in forwarding calls for additional
25 aid for Filipino citizens amid the worsening economic crisis caused by the pandemic. The use of
26 aid as bait for ordinary citizens to pose as rebel surrenderees is highly condemnable. Financial aid,
27 livelihood, and housing are services which the government is duty-bound to provide to its citizens
28 without any prior requirement of disaffiliation from any organization or pressure to be falsely
29 presented as rebel surrenderees;

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31 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative for members of Congress, as representatives of our people, to defend
32 the rights of our people and check on excesses and violations committed against them, especially
33 in this time of crisis. Laws and rules should serve the interest of our people, and should not be
34 weaponized to suppress their rights and oppress them;

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36 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the
37 House of Representatives, through the Committee on Human Rights, conduct an investigation,
38 in aid of legislation, on the fake mass surrender of alleged members of Bayan Muna and urban
39 poor organization Kalipunan na Damayang Panlipunan (KADAMAY) in Bulacan.


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