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MEMORANDUM

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The Bureau Directors
Forest Management Bureau
Land Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau

The Officer-In-Charge
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

The Regional Executive Directors
Region II, III, CAR

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND INVITATION TO A COMMITTEE MEETING FROM THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

DATE : 01 February 2023

The Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives will be holding a face-to-face Committee Meeting on **8 February 2023 (Wednesday), 1:30 in the afternoon at Andaya Hall, House of Representatives** to discuss the following bills:

A. National Bills

1. **House Bill No. 259**, entitled “An Act Re-Orienting The Philippine Mining Industry Towards National Industrialization And Ensuring The Highest Industry Development Standards, And For Other Purposes”, by Rep. Raoul Dannel A. Manuel, Rep. France L. Castro, Rep. Arlene D. Brosas;
2. **House Bill No. 2893**, entitled “An Act To Regulate The Rational Exploration, Development And Utilization Of Mineral Resources, And To Ensure The Equitable Sharing Of Benefits For The State, Indigenous Peoples And Local Communities, And For Other Purposes”, by Rep. Luis Raymund "Lray" F. Villafuerte, Jr., Rep. Miguel Luis R. Villafuerte, Rep. Tsuyoshi Anthony G. Horibata, Rep. Nicholas C. Enciso VIII; and

3. **House Bill No. 484**, entitled “An Act Prescribing Standards For Responsible Mining”, by Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo; and
4. **House Bill No. 1065**, entitled “An Act Totally Banning Logging Operations For The Next Twenty-Five Years”, by Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma.

B. Local Measures

1. **House Bill No. 901**, entitled “An Act Establishing The Forest Boundary of the Province of Tarlac”, by Rep. Christian Tell A. Yap;
2. **House Bill No. 981**, entitled “An Act Repealing Presidential Proclamation No. 414”, by Rep. Mark O. Go;
3. **House Bill No. 982**, entitled “An Act Repealing Presidential Proclamation No. 572,” by Rep. Mark O. Go; and
4. **House Bill No. 1066**, entitled “An Act Declaring The Province Of Nueva Vizcaya A Mining Free Zone And Providing Penalties Therefor”, by Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma.

In this regard, we would like to **request comments/recommendations on the above-mentioned House Bills**. Kindly submit it **on or before February 6, 2023, at 5 PM** via email at denrlo@denr.gov.ph. Further, your or your representative’s attendance at the mentioned meeting is requested as the agenda will deliberate on bills that are of significance to your mandates.

Attached herewith are the invitation letter, agenda, and copies of the House Bills can be accessed through this link <https://bit.ly/3kSNVQh>.

ROMIROSE B. PADIN

Cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs



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30 January 2023

ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES, CESO I

Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and International Affairs
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
DENR Bldg. Visayas Avenue, Diliman,
Quezon City

Dear Undersecretary Leones:

The Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives will be holding a face-to-face Committee Meeting on **8 February 2023 (Wednesday), 1:30 in the afternoon at Andaya Hall, House of Representatives.**

In light of this, we would like to invite you or your authorized representative to attend the said meeting and shed light on the following:

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We would like to request the submission of your position paper on the aforementioned topic, or a draft thereof, on or before **6 February 2023 (Monday)**, in order to give the Committee Members enough time to read through the materials. Attached herewith is a copy of the House Bills, for your kind reference.

For confirmation of attendance or further inquiries, the Committee may be reached at committee.naturalresources@house.gov.ph. We are looking forward to having a fruitful discussion with you on the said measures. Thank you very much!

Very truly yours,



HON. ELPIDIO F. BARZAGA JR.
Chairperson
Committee on Natural Resources

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
February 8, 2023 (Wednesday) 1:30 PM
Andaya Hall, House of Representatives

REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
(Face-to-Face Meeting)

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- II. Acknowledgment of Members and Resource Persons**
- III. Opening Remarks of the Chairperson**
Hon. Elpidio F. Barzaga Jr.
4th District Cavite
- IV. Initial Consideration of the Following Measures:**
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Proposed Resource Persons

1. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
2. Forest Management Bureau (FMB)
3. Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB)
4. National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA)
5. Land Management Bureau (LMB)
6. Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB)
7. National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)
8. Department of Finance (DOF)
9. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
10. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
11. Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines
12. Concerned LGUs
13. Chamber of Mines
14. SOS Yamang Bayan Network
15. Bantay Kita
16. IBON Foundation
17. Philippine Wood Producers of the Philippines
18. Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc.
19. Forest Development of the Philippines

V. Other Matters

VI. Adjournment