

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCESKAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS NA YAMAN



MEMORANDUM

FOR

The Undersecretaries

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The Bureau Directors

Mines and Geosciences Bureau

Environmental Management Bureau

Land Management Bureau

FROM

The Undersecretary

Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT

ENDORSEMENT OF THE LETTER FROM THE DEPUTY SPEAKER,

TUCP PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE ATTY. RAYMOND DEMOCRITO C. MENDOZA RE: QUESTIONS DURING THE

BUDGET BRIEFING

DATE

0 9 SEP 2024

This is to endorse to your Office the letter from the Deputy Speaker, TUCP Party-list representative, Atty. Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza for your information and appropriate action.

Kindly send your response through email at <u>denrllo@denr.gov.ph</u> on or before 11 September 2024, 5 PM.

Attached herewith is the letter for your reference.

For information and compliance, please.

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22 August 2024

HON. MARIA ANTONIA YULO-LOYZAGA

Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
DENR Building, Visayas Avenue, Vasra, Quezon City

Dear Secretary Yulo-Loyzaga:

Greetings of solidarity!

We respectfully write to you to request your written response to the following questions we have during the budget briefing:

- 1. For the welfare of around 200,000 to half a million small-scale miners whose hard work and sacrifice contribute as much as 70 to 80% of our entire mining industry's total output, what is the progress of DENR's review of gaps in law and executive orders, in relation to Minahang Bayan, amid complaints of high cost of registration and proliferation of unregistered miners?
- 2. Thus, has the DENR already made representation to the President towards the certification as urgent of amendments to the 32-year-old R.A. 7076 "The People's Small Scale Mining Act of 1991" such as HB 6408 filed by this representation that proposes improved regulations and sectoral representation so that artisanal and small-scale mining legitimately operates under regulation and comply with environmental and labor standards, among many others?
- 3. While we deliberate on proposed amendments through legislation, may I know what is the DENR doing to promote ease of formalization of small-scale miners such as through streamlined licensing & registration and by ensuring that occupational safety and health is observed?
- 4. Under the proposed budget, are there allocations for the strengthening and reform of the Minahang Bayan program such as multi-stakeholder comprehensive consultations that can guide executive issuances to ensure the security of livelihood and workplace of small-scale miners while we push for the new and better law on artisanal and small-scale mining in the country?

We look forward to receiving your response before the plenary deliberations on the national budget.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

ATTY. RAYMOND DEMOCRITO C. MENDOZA

Deputy Speaker, House of Representatives

Chairperson, TUCP Party List President, TUCP Labor Center







Undersecretary for Special Concern and Legislative Affairs <ouscia@denr.gov.ph>

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DENR OSEC Referral <osec.referral@denr.gov.ph>

Wed, Aug 28, 2024 at 10:52 AM

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Cc: raymonddemocrito.mendoza@house.gov.ph

Sir/Madam:

Good day. Respectfully referred to your good office for information and appropriate action, with EDATS No. OSEC-2024-005115.

Thank you.

NOTE: DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL. For updates, inquiries and other communications, please send to osec@denr.gov.ph.

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From: Raymond Democrito Mendoza <raymonddemocrito.mendoza@house.gov.ph>

Date: Thu, Aug 22, 2024 at 12:21 PM Subject: Letter Inquiry to DENR

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