

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1604



RESOLUTION

EARNESTLY URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM) TO ABIDE THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF R.A. 7171 AND R.A. 8240 FOR THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF ALL THE FARMERS IN THE VIRGINIA TOBACCO PRODUCING PROVINCES

WHEREAS, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) is mandated to promote the sound, efficient and effective management and utilization of government resources (i.e., technological, manpower, physical and financial) as instrument in the achievement of national socioeconomic and political development goals;

WHEREAS, DBM shall lead public expenditure management to ensure the equitable, prudent, transparent and accountable allocation and use of public funds to improve the quality of life of each and every Filipino;

WHEREAS, as such mandate and vision given to DBM, it must properly implement all the laws attached to its responsibility, such as R.A. 7171 and R.A. 8240, to ensure the transparency, effective management and utilization of government resources for the beneficiary farmers involved;

WHEREAS, under R.A. 7171 and R.A. 8240, it is the duty of DBM to retain annually the funds equivalent to fifteen (15) percent of excise tax on locally manufactured Virginia type cigarettes to be remitted to the concerned beneficiary provinces qualified;

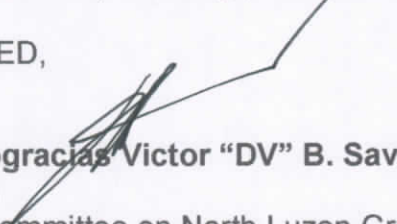
WHEREAS, said proceeds share of tobacco-producing provinces as special support shall be in terms of financial assistance to be implemented by the local government of the provinces concerned;

WHEREAS, the special support to the tobacco-producing provinces shall be utilized to advance the self-reliance of the tobacco farmers through various cooperatives, livelihood, agro-industry and infrastructure projects as approved by the local development council;

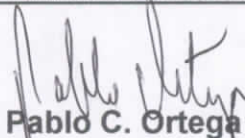
WHEREAS, District Representatives being members of the local development council and in line to their oversight function, DBM is directed thru the Regional Directors to inform the District Representative concerned as to all meetings, activities and transactions being undertaken relative to the release and utilization of the share of provinces from collection of burley and native tobacco excise tax pursuant to aforementioned laws. Also, DBM officials should ascertain the veracity of the District Representative's signature in all transactions related to the same. As such, if there is doubt as to its authenticity or in the event that there is a questionable transaction, DBM should notify the District Representative regarding the concern to address the issue.

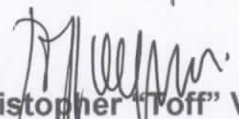
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to urge the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to abide the proper implementation of R.A. 7171 and R.A. 8240 for the promotion and development of all the farmers in the Virginia tobacco producing provinces.

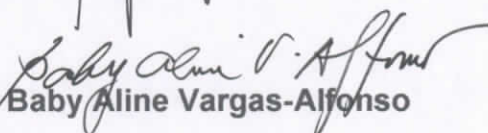
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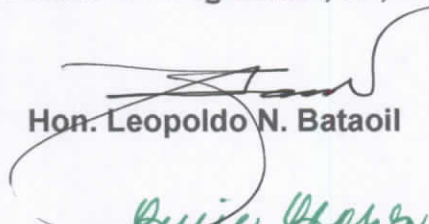
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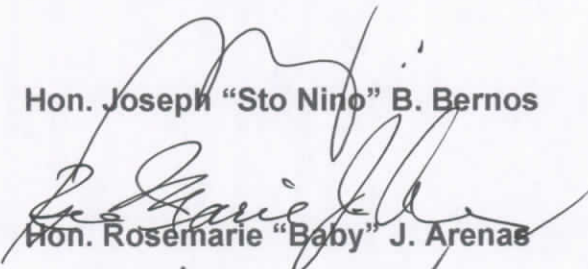
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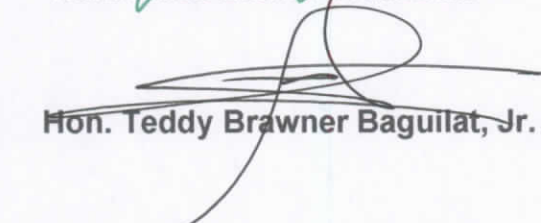
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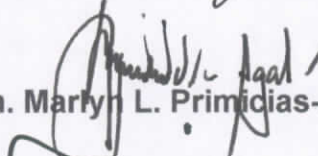

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