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Introduced by Representatives:
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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO RELEASE ITS CRITERIA IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF FARM TO MARKET ROAD (FMR) PROJECTS IN THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS OF THE COUNTRY, REVIEW THE LISTING INCLUDED IN THE 2021 NATIONAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM AND PRIORITIZE THE LISTINGS SUBMITTED BY THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES WITH THE END GOAL OF GREATER EQUITY AND RESPONSIVENESS TO THE NEEDS OF THE FARMERS

WHEREAS, R.A. 8435 or the Agriculture and Fisheries Act of 1997 mandates the Department of Agriculture to be “on top of the construction and upgrading of FMR projects to improve the mobility of goods, services and the general public” throughout the country.

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture, through its Regional Directors, request District Representatives to identify priority FMR projects for their inclusion in the National Expenditure Program under its budget.

WHEREAS, the Representatives duly comply with the said request and, after consultation with local farmers/farmer groups, propose a list of FMR projects in their respective districts in order to submit these lists to the Regional Department of Agriculture Offices.

WHEREAS, the Regional Offices submit these lists to the Department of Agriculture Central Office for consideration and possible inclusion in their annual budget.

WHEREAS, the FMR projects identified by a significant number of Legislative District Representatives have not been reflected in the National Expenditure Program for two (2) consecutive years. This is in clear violation of Section 24, Article 6 of the Constitution which states that “all appropriation, revenue or tariff bills, bills authorizing increase of the public debt, bills of local application and private bills shall originate exclusively in the House of Representatives but the Senate may propose or concur with amendments.”

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it hereby resolved by the House of Representatives enjoining the Department of Agriculture to release its criteria in the identification of FMR projects in the Legislative Districts of the country, review the listing included in the 2021 National Expenditure Program and prioritize the listings submitted by the District Representatives with the end goal of greater equity and responsiveness to the needs of the farmers as relayed through their Representatives in Congress.

Adopted,


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