



LOMBAY KA MARAWI, INC. (LKM)

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Chairperson, Committee on Finance
18th Congress of the Republic of the Philippines

Thru: **Arch. Sarah Redoblado**

Executive Director, Alternative Planning Initiatives, Inc. (ALTERPLAN)
Quezon City, Philippines

Dear Sen. Angara:

Greetings!

We would like to inform you that we, the Lombay Ka Marawi, Inc. (LKM), an organization composed of more than 1,000 IDP families severely affected by the 2017 Marawi siege, are in full support of the Senate Bill No. 2420 otherwise known as the **“Marawi Siege Victims Compensation Act of 2021”**.

We are forwarding to you our resolution (herein attached) containing our recommendations and certain provisions relevant to the conditions and sentiments of the Marawi IDPs.

Although we might not have the luxury of time to beat the deadline for your hearing, we would appreciate it much if the good Senator can give the LKM Board of Directors the opportunity to have an audience to discuss our concerns at your convenient time.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

ZAINODEN R. BAZER

President, LKM

06 November 2021

Hon. RISA HONTIVEROS

Member , Senate Special Committee on Marawi Rehabilitation
18TH Congress of the Republic of the Philippines

Thru: Arch Sarah Redoblado

Executive Director, Alterplan Planning Initiatives, Inc. (ALTERPLAN)
QUEZON City, Philippines

Dear Sen. Hontiveros:

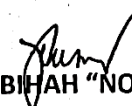
Greeting!

We, the undersigned, are members of the different civil society organizations (CSOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who are united to advocate for the passage and implementation of the Senate Bill No. 2420 otherwise known as the "Marawi Siege Victims Compensation Act of 2021 ".

In this regard, we express our support of the attached resolution forged by Lombay ka Marawi Inc. (LKM) board of directors embodying recommendations and provisions that reflect the sentiments and concerns of our fellow Maranao brothers and Sisters.

May our pursuit in helping the IDPs and rehabilitating Marawi City be endowed with justice, wisdom and peace.

Sincerely yours,


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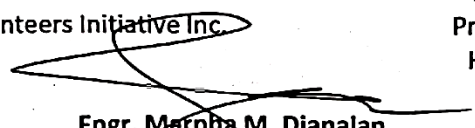
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Resolution No. 4, series of 2021

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF THE MARAWI COMPENSATION ACT AND ADVOCATING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELEVANT TO THE CONDITIONS AND SENTIMENTS OF MARAWI IDPS

Whereas, the 2017 armed conflict in Marawi City resulted in massive displacement, loss of lives and livelihoods, and damage to property;

Whereas, the recovery and rehabilitation of the affected population of Marawi should not be limited to the reconstruction of the city's structures;

Whereas, the House of Representatives approved on third hearing last September 6 House Bill (HB) 9925 entitled "An Act Providing Monetary Compensation to Qualified Claimants, through the Task Force Bangon Marawi, for the Loss or Destruction of Residential and Commercial Properties as a Result of the 2017 Armed Conflict Between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and Terrorist Groups in Marawi City, Lanao del Sur, and Appropriating Funds Therefor";

Whereas, representatives of the Marawi CSOs Convergence Group, including Lombay Ka Marawi, Inc. met with Sen. Risa Hontiveros on September 22 and participated in the Senate Hearing on September 24 in order to present the group's Manifestation in reaction to HB 9925;

Whereas, after the September 24 Senate Hearing, the Senate Committee on Finance and the Special Committee on Marawi City Rehabilitation prepared a Draft Committee Report recommending the approval of a bill entitled "An Act Providing Compensation for the Loss or Destruction of Properties as a Result of the 2017 Marawi Siege, and Appropriating Funds Therefor";

Whereas, the Office of Sen. Risa Hontiveros submitted to the Committee on Finance a document entitled "Proposals on the draft Committee Report on the Marawi Compensation Bill";

Whereas, officers of Lombay Ka Marawi, Inc. have reviewed the text of the House Bill, the unnumbered Senate Bill, as well as the Proposals from the Office of Sen. Risa Hontiveros;

Now therefore be it resolved that Lombay Ka Marawi, Inc. shall urge both chambers of Congress to ensure the passage of the Marawi Compensation Act before the end of the Eighteenth Congress;

Be it further resolved that Lombay Ka Marawi, Inc. shall adopt and propose the following positions on key components of the Bills currently pending in Congress:

Regarding the title

1. In recognition of the various types of losses that should be compensated, which are not limited to damage to property, propose the following title: **"An Act Providing Compensation for the Loss of Civilian Lives**

and Livelihoods and for the Destruction of Residential and Commercial Properties as a Result of the 2017 Marawi Siege, and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

Regarding geographical coverage

2. Support the list of barangays in the Senate Bill as the geographical coverage of the Compensation Act

Regarding the claims mechanism

3. Support the provision in the Senate Bill regarding the creation of the Marawi Compensation Board (MCB) as the claims mechanism. The MCB is expected to be a more independent body than a Subcommittee of the Task Force Bangon Marawi
4. Advocate and support the proposal of the Office of Sen. Risa Hontiveros specifying that two members of the MCB should come from **one (1) legitimate Marawi CSO and one (1) legitimate IDP PO**, particularly those whose members are Marawi IDPs. Such representatives are proposed to be appointed from five nominees of the Marawi CSOs themselves.

Regarding the types of eligible claims

5. Advocate that properties eligible for compensation should simply be defined as those affected by the 2017 Marawi siege, NOT as properties affected by MRRRP, Debris Management Programs, and search and recovery of UXO, UNLESS these programs are defined and shown in the Compensation Act (in the Section on Definition of Terms) to include ALL the properties affected by the 2017 Marawi siege.
6. Advocate and support the proposal of the Office of Sen. Risa Hontiveros to expand the coverage of compensation to the following:
 - Including structure owners who built upon land not belonging to them
 - Loss of civilian lives and missing
 - Lost business revenues since the start of the armed conflict until such time compensation is paid

Regarding the determination of compensation, and related processes

7. Advocate and support the proposal of the Office of Sen. Risa Hontiveros to update the Post-Conflict Needs Assessment in order to make it a stronger basis for determining compensation.
8. Support the proposal of the Office of Sen. Risa Hontiveros regarding putting in escrow the due compensation in cases of unresolved dispute of ownership of property subject to claim.
9. Support the proposal of the Office of Sen. Risa Hontiveros that land disputes shall not affect compensation to structure owners.
10. Advocate the following provisions regarding determination of compensation:
 - For properties affected by the 2017 armed conflict, including structures built on land not belonging to the structure owner
As an alternative to the RA 10752 process of valuation for affected properties, propose a five-level range of flat rates based on suggested categorization resulting from consultations held by BMCSOP and Sowara O Miyamagoyag. This categorization is less tedious and less prone to corruption.
A – Big commercial establishments / Multiple houses and building (Php3M)
B – Medium-size commercial establishments / Big concrete 2-3 storey concrete houses / big old ancestral houses (Php2M)
C – Businesses with more than P1M capitalization including in rented spaces / Medium-size 1-2 storey concrete houses or equivalent old ancestral houses (Php1M)

- D – Businesses / enterprises with more than P500K capitalization including in rented spaces / 1 storey concrete or semi-concrete houses (Php500K)
- E – Micro-enterprises and buildings or houses made of light materials (Php200K)
- For loss of assets not classified as structures (e.g. jewelry, appliances, equipment): To be determined in the IRR
- For loss of civilian lives and missing: Not less than Php100,000, based on the jurisprudence on civil indemnity for death arising from crime or quasi-delict (from G.R. No. 208359)
- Loss of income: To be determined in the IRR

Regarding the definition of eligible claimants


11. Advocate a definition of “claimants” that encompasses the other types of losses that should be compensated. Since the House and Senate Bills are focused on properties, the provision on “Claimants” in these bills is limited to those claiming compensation for damaged structures.

Regarding the housing rights of non-structure owners and structure owners


12. Advocate equal protection for non-structure owners (such as renters and sharers) who lost their homes as a result of the 2017 armed conflict. A provision similar to Sec. 9 of RA 10752 is proposed as follows: “The government, through the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development, its attached agencies, and the relevant LGUs, shall establish and develop resettlement projects and programs responsive to the situation of the households affected by the Marawi siege.”
13. Support the proposal of the Office of Sen. Risa Hontiveros that the right to compensation for property, and the right to participation in government housing programs involving cost recovery, may both be enjoyed by structure owners.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.


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