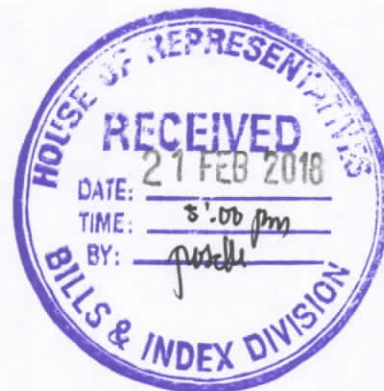


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Resolution No. 1718



Introduced by Hon. CARLOS O.COJUANGCO

RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CONTINUED AND SUSTAINED OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION (NSWMC) IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY MILLION PESOS (P20,000,000.00) AS INITIAL FUNDING REQUIREMENT AND THEREAFTER SUCH SUM AS MAY BE NEEDED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (GAA)

1 **WHEREAS**, Republic Act 9003, otherwise known as the Ecological Solid
2 Waste Management Act of 2000, signed into law in January 26, 2001, calls for
3 the institutionalization of a national program that will manage the control, transfer,
4 transport, processing and disposal of solid waste in the country.

5 **WHEREAS**, Section 4 of the said law provided for the establishment of the
6 National Solid Waste Management Commission;

7 **WHEREAS**, the NSWMC, chaired by the Secretary of the Department of
8 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), composed of fourteen members (14)

1 from the government sector and three (3) members from the private sector, and
2 operating under the Office of the President (OP), is tasked to prescribe policies to
3 effectively achieve the objectives of RA 9003;

4 **WHEREAS**, one key function is overseeing the implementation by LGUs of
5 their respective solid waste management plans and maintaining the National Ecology
6 Center which operates as the repository of information including research and
7 training services;

8 **WHEREAS**, the NSWMC since its inception has no funding solely or
9 exclusively dedicated for its operation, but relies mainly from the DENR, and the
10 Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), which is mandated to provide
11 Secretariat support;

12 **WHEREAS**, the garbage problem has reached gargantuan proportion in the
13 country particularly in the big cities that the role of the NSWMC cannot be relegated
14 to the sidelines and that support in terms of logistics and personnel is vital;

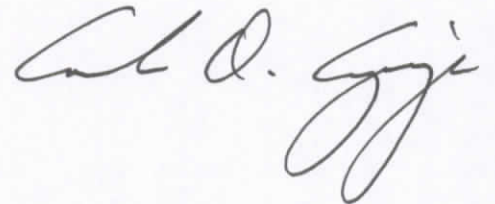
15 **WHEREAS**, for the NSWMC to effectively and efficiently discharge its
16 powers and function for the full realization of the intent of the law to have a national
17 program that will address the control, transfer, transport, processing and disposal
18 of solid waste in the country need to have resources dedicated exclusively for its
19 operation;

1 ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** , as it is hereby resolved by the
2 House of Representatives, to appropriate funds for the continued and sustained
3 operation of the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) in the
4 amount of Twenty Four Million Pesos (P24,000,000.00) as initial funding
5 requirement;

6 ***RESOLVED FURTHER***, to require the NSWMC, in coordination with the
7 Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Budget and
8 Management, and other concerned agencies of government to jointly conduct studies
9 on the amount for continuous funding requirement of the NSWMC, in order for it to
10 fulfill its mandates and functions;

11 ***RESOLVED FINALLY***, for these budgetary amounts to be submitted to the
12 House of Representatives annually for its inclusion in the General Appropriations
13 Act (GAA).

ADOPTED.

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