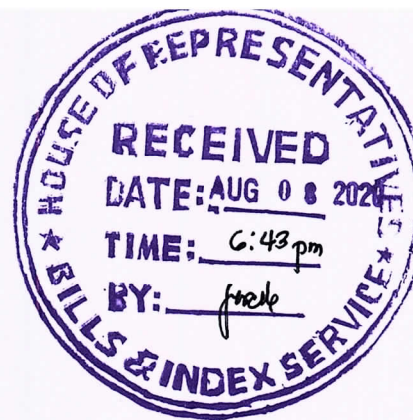


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House Resolution No. 1115



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JOY MYRA S. TAMBUNTING**

A RESOLUTION
URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT TO ACCOMMODATE
APPROPRIATIONS AMOUNTING TO ONE HUNDRED BILLION PESOS
(100,000,000,000 PESOS) FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF COVID-19 VACCINES

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 cases are continuously rising, with more than 100,000 total cases at present;

WHEREAS, foreign pharmaceutical companies are presently racing to develop a vaccine for COVID-19, with six COVID-19 vaccine candidates having entered phase-3 trials;

WHEREAS, although clinical trials for the COVID-19 vaccine are yet to be completed, deals between foreign governments and leading pharmaceutical companies in the vaccine race peg the price of the vaccine at a wide range of ten to thirty-seven US dollars (about five hundred pesos to one thousand eight hundred pesos per shot);

WHEREAS, vaccines for the COVID-19 are expected to rollout during the latter part of the year at the earliest;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Department of Budget and Management, together with the House Committee on Appropriations should work to include in the 2021 General Appropriation Act, an appropriation amounting to at least one hundred billion pesos for the procurement of vaccines;

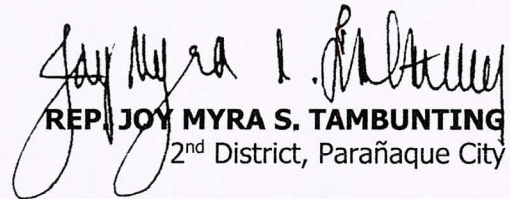
WHEREAS, this shall serve as a proactive measure to ensure that the national government can provide COVID-19 vaccines for the population as soon as the vaccine becomes available, especially since the vaccine is expected within the fiscal year 2021;

WHEREAS, the Philippine government must be ready to immediately procure the vaccine as soon as it is approved for the benefit of our population of almost 110,000,000 Filipinos;

WHEREAS, several local government units are already preparing their own funds for the COVID-19 vaccine, to augment the national government's allocation for the vaccine;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives urge the House Committee on Appropriations, Department of Health and Department of Budget and Management to accommodate appropriations amounting to One Hundred Billion Pesos for the procurement of COVID-19 vaccines.

Adopted,


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