A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE FOR A
SOCIO-ECONOMIC SOLUTION FOR COMMUNITY UNITY AND CORPORATE
CAMARADERIE IN RESPONSE TO PANDEMIC SITUATIONS AND BUSINESS
INTERRUPTIONS

WHEREAS, the non-frontliners, as well as the majority of the Filipinos, are required to
stay home to save lives and to comply with Enhanced Community Quarantine
(ECQ)/General Community Quarantine (GCQ) protocols in response to the COVID-19
pandemic,

WHEREAS, as they stay at home, they use more electricity and water which will increase
their utility bills way over their budget;

WHEREAS, as the Filipino workforce are required to stay at home, they are effectively
not earning income;

WHEREAS, to alleviate the socio-economic impact of the unprecedented COVID-19
pandemic and other future similar situations, utility service providers, banking
institutions, and other similar markets nationwide that offer basic and financial services
to the public should be more accommodating to their affected consumers as part of their
corporate social responsibility;

WHEREAS, for consumers with residential accounts belonging to the low to middle
income families living in ECQ/GCQ areas nationwide, their power and water connections
be aided by their utility providers by way of a fifty per cent (50%) discount on their utility
bills throughout the duration period of the ECQ/GCQ in their respective localities;

WHEREAS, it is also submitted to make all recurring personal/private, residential
payables, including but not limited to utilities, phone bills, credit cards, life insurance and
the like, during ECQ/GCQ periods free from penalties and interests with fifty per cent
(50%) discount;

WHEREAS, the balance of 50% discounted bills should be added to the regular monthly
billings post-ECQ in a staggered manner over five (5) equal monthly installments or an
additional 10 per cent per month for five (5) months, whichever is lower;
WHEREAS, for lending institutions, it is alternatively recommended to extend all
outstanding loans by duration of ECQ/GCQ months without collecting their monthly
payables due during the period of ECQ/GCQ so as to give ample time and opportunity for
their consumers to financially recuperate from the unexpected interruption of livelihood;

WHEREAS, these suggested payment schemes will help spread the burden of
accumulated expenses and, at the same time, provide our citizens the necessary utilities
when they need them the most.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to CALL
FOR A SOCIO-ECONOMIC SOLUTION FOR COMMUNITY UNITY AND CORPORATE
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Adopted,

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