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Attached are my amendments to the Senate Finance Committee Report on House Bill 8169.

Thank you.

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF  
SENATOR PANFILO M. LACSON  
TO THE FY 2019 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL  
(HOUSE BILL NO. 8169)  
as Reported by the  
Senate Finance Committee**

**1. Budgetary Amendments**

I. Department of Agriculture

1) Office of the Secretary

1) Farm-to-Market Roads

The agriculture sector has been the constant victim of corruption: Coco Levy Fund, Fertilizer Fund Scam, Pork Barrel Scam, Rice Smuggling, Irrigation Scandal, and the perennial "Farm-to-Pocket Roads" of the legislators.

It is unfortunate that in the proposed FY 2019 Budget, some legislators took advantage of the *Farm-to-Market Roads Program*, which is as a program in itself is of a necessity for our farmers, by parking their 'pork' within it, masquerading as legitimate projects.

Thus, all *Farm-to-Market Roads* projects that are not found in the National Expenditure Program, as submitted by the President, be deleted. Specifically, deduct the amount of **P6,100,000,000** from the **P11,658,500,000** allocation for *Repair/Rehabilitation and Construction of Farm-to-Market Roads in Designated Key Production Areas*, found on page 119 of Volume I-A of the FY 2019 General Appropriations Bill (FY 2019 GAB).

Consequently, the attached list of Farm-to-Market Roads Projects, herein marked as Annex "A", and found on pages 636 to 668 of Volume I-B of the FY 2019 GAB, shall be deleted.

For this purpose, the pertinent *Special Provision* shall be amended accordingly.

Thus, the appropriations of the *Office of the Secretary*, Department of Agriculture, shall be adjusted from **P38,040,368,000** to **P31,940,368,000**, or a decrease of **P6,100,000,000**.

## II. Department of Education

### 1) Office of the Secretary

#### 1. Quick Response Fund

Increase the appropriations for Quick Response Fund from **P2,000,000,000** to **P4,000,000,000**. For this purpose, reallocate the amount of **P2,000,000,000** from the **P8,889,051,000** to be deducted from the proposed appropriations for Right-of-Way of the Department of Public Works and Highways as found on page 797 of Volume I-B of FY 2019 GAB.

A corresponding amendment to Special Provision No. 4 is provided below. The Special Provision under the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Fund (NDRRMF) shall also be proposed.

#### 2. School-based Feeding Program (SBFP)

To cover 240 days lunch meals for severely wasted and wasted learners, increase the appropriations for School-based Feeding Program (SBFP) from **P3,967,473,000** to **P7,680,000,000**.

For this purpose, reallocate the amount of **P3,712,527,000** from the **P9,151,816,000** to be deducted from the proposed appropriations for Local Government Support Fund-Other Financial Assistance to Local Government Units, under the Allocations for Local Government Units.

#### 3. Continuing Education — Teacher Quality and Development Program

To capacitate public school teachers on child rights, inclusion and positive discipline in everyday teaching, increase the appropriations for Continuing Education—Teacher Quality and Development Program from **P8,169,000** to **P1,708,169,000**.

For this purpose, reallocate the amount of **P1,700,000,000** from the **P6,100,000,000** to be deducted from the proposed appropriations for Farm-to-Market Roads under the Department of Agriculture as provided herein.

#### 4. Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials

Increase the appropriations for Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials from **P1,794,499,000** to **P1,901,499,000**. For this purpose, reallocate the amount of **P107,000,000** from the **P8,889,051,000** to be deducted from the proposed

appropriations for Right-of-Way of the Department of Public Works and Highways as found on page 797 of Volume I-B of FY 2019 GAB.

A corresponding Special Provision is provided below.

5. Computerization Program

Increase the appropriations for the Computerization Program from **P4,263,023,000** to **P7,188,023,000**. For this purpose, reallocate the amount **P2,925,000,000** from the **P8,889,051,000** to be deducted from the **P6,100,000,000** to be deducted from the proposed appropriations for Farm-to-Market Roads under the Department of Agriculture as provided herein.

III. Department of Environment and Natural Resources

1) Environmental Management Bureau

Increase the appropriations for the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) from **P2,523,468,000** to **P2,525,820,000**. The increase of **P2,352,000** shall fund the monitoring and inventory of greenhouse gases of Pollution Laboratories in Visayas and Mindanao.

Thus, increase the appropriations for item *Environmental Pollution Research* from **P159,820,000** to **P162,172,000**. The amount of **P2,352,000** shall be sourced from the **P9,151,816,000** to be deducted from the proposed appropriations for Local Government Support Fund-Other Financial Assistance to Local Government Units, under the Allocations for Local Government Units.

IV. Department of Interior and Local Government

1) Office of the Secretary

1) Public Markets/Farmers Markets (Bagsakan Centers) and Public Cemeteries Projects --

DILG's program, under the *Assistance to Municipalities*, includes construction of *Public Markets/Farmers Markets (Bagsakan Centers)*. The Municipalities that will be receiving and implementing the projects are already identified. Unfortunately, it appears that under the FY 2019 GAB, an amendment has been made to include the funding for the mentioned program the construction of *Public Cemeteries*. With the amendment, some Municipalities will be deprived of the needed funding for the construction of *Public Markets/Farmers Markets (Bagsakan Centers)*. In addition,

the construction of *Public Cemeteries* is not one of those projects identified for funding based on the collated Local Development Plans of the Municipalities by the DILG. Thus, the DILG has no list of Municipalities where *Public Cemeteries* will be constructed.

In view of the foregoing, transfer to *Local Government Support Fund*, Allocation to Local Government Units (ALGU), the item *Public Markets/Farmers Markets (Bagsakan Centers) and Public Cemeteries Projects* including its proposed appropriations of **P970,000,000**, found on page 912 of Volume I-A of the FY 2019 GAB. Also, the list of Municipalities, herein marked as Annex "B" with corresponding amount, shall be attached as an Annex to the FY 2019 Appropriations.

Correspondingly, the whole proposed appropriations of **P970,000,000** shall fund only *Public Markets/Farmers Markets (Bagsakan Centers)*. Thus, "*Public Cemeteries Projects*" shall be deleted from the designation of the item.

Related thereto, an amendment to the Special Provision shall be proposed hereunder.

2) Philippine National Police

1) MOOE *per capita* Cost

On page 938 of Volume I-A of the FY 2019 GAB, under *Special Provision No. 2*, the proposed appropriations for *Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses* (MOOE) of the PNP *per capita* cost is P3,433,120,000, allocated and distributed at P1,390 per month per police personnel in each unit.

The said total MOOE *per capita* cost is based on the 2017 strength of the Uniformed Personnel of the PNP. Having a program of recruitment of 10,000 Uniformed Personnel for last year and another 10,000 for 2019, the PNP will require an additional amount of **P59,838,800**.

Thus, increase the *Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses* (MOOE) of the PNP *per capita* cost from **P3,433,120,000** to **P3,492,958,800**.

The corresponding *Special Provision No. 2* of the Philippine National Police shall be amended accordingly.



## 2) Additional Funding

In order to further enhance the capability of the PNP, appropriate funds for the following:

1. P54,000,000 as additional budget for Recruitment Expenses (MOOE);
2. P78,000,000 as additional budget for Training Expenses under the Field Training Program (MOOE);
3. P140,000,000 to augment the budget for Internal Security Operations (MOOE);
4. P23,475,000 for the Fidelity Bond of Supply and Accountable Officers (MOOE);
5. P53,500,000, to fund the Creation of Seven (7) Provincial Mobile Force Companies in Selected Police Regional Offices (MOOE);
6. P20,938,000, as maintenance cost of the newly procured helicopter Bell 429 (MOOE);
7. P99,041,000, for the maintenance cost of the newly acquired Police rubber boats and High Speed Tactical Watercrafts (MOOE);
8. P75,000,000 for the Maintenance, Furniture and Fixtures for the five (5) newly completed Crime Laboratory Offices (MOOE);
9. P97,350,000 for the Construction of Standard Crime Laboratory Offices in PRO 4A, PRO 6, and Marinduque Crime Laboratory Provincial Office (CO);
10. P71,900,000 for the Operational and Intelligence Capabilities of the PNP Anti-Kidnapping Group; and
11. P1,869,585,000 for the Procurement of one (1) unit of brand new fixed wing (airplane).

The total proposed increase, under items 1 and 2, in the total amount of **P2,642,627,800**, shall be sourced from the **P9,151,816,000** to be deducted from the proposed appropriations for *Local Government Support Fund-Other Financial Assistance to Local Government Units*, under the Allocations for Local Government Units.

## V. Department of National Defense

### 1) Office of the Secretary

On 03 April 2018, the President issued Administrative Order No. 10, s. 2018, to centralize government's reintegration efforts of former members of the CPP-NPA-NDF and Militia ng Bayan under the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP). To oversee the implementation of E-CLIP, Task Force Balik-Loob was created. However, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) did not recommend funding for the operational requirements of the Task Force and the implementation of the E-CLIP.

In view of the foregoing, allocate **P48,766,000** for the operational requirements of the Task Force and the implementation of the E-CLIP and source the same from the **P8,889,051,000** to be deducted from the proposed appropriations for Right-of-Way of the Department of Public Works and Highways as found on page 797 of Volume I-B of FY 2019 GAB.

2) Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (Proper)

In order to provide the necessary funding for those under *Contract of Service*, per CSC-COA-DBM Joint Circular No. 1, s. 2018, allocate the amount of **P32,853,000** in the appropriations of Philippine Veterans Affairs Office for FY 2019.

Also, to give due recognition to the nation's veterans, both living and deceased, allocate funds for the following:

1. Implementation of Critical Projects of Phase II of the Comprehensive Master Development of the Libingan ng Mga Bayani – P134,000,000;
2. Construction of a Depository of Non-Current Records of Veterans – P40,000,000; and
3. Construction of Veterans' Hall – P42,000,000

The total amount of **P248,853,000** needed to fund the above-mentioned projects shall be sourced from the **P8,889,051,000** to be deducted from the proposed appropriations for Right-of-Way of the Department of Public Works and Highways as found on page 797 of Volume I-B of FY 2019 GAB.

Thus, increase the FY 2019 appropriations of the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office from **P606,308,000** to **P855,161,000**.

3) Philippine Army

On 21 November 2018, the President gave guidance to immediately activate one Infantry Division to directly address the continuing threat posed by the Abu Sayaff Group (ASG) in Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi (BASULTA) areas.

Thus, fund the activation of one Infantry Division of the Philippine Army with a budgetary requirement of **P4,781,901,000**. The funding requirement for the activation shall be sourced from the **P8,889,051,000** to be deducted from the proposed appropriations for Right-of-Way of the Department of Public Works and Highways as found on page 797 of Volume I-B of FY 2019 GAB.

4) General Headquarters, AFP and AFP Wide Service Support Units (AFPWSSUS)

In order to further strengthen our national security and support our troops, allocate funds for the following:

1. **P1,000,000,000** as Operation Fund for the AFP Campaign to end the country's insurgency problem, enhance the Maritime Security of both the Eastern and Western Seaboards, and support the newly activated AFP units; and
2. **P700,000,000** for the Activation of Forty-four (44) CAFGU Active Auxiliary (CAA) Companies.

The total amount of **P1,700,000,000** shall be sourced from the **P8,889,051,000** to be deducted from the proposed appropriations for Right-of-Way of the Department of Public Works and Highways as found on page 797 of Volume I-B of FY 2019 GAB.

VI. Department of Public Works and Highways

1) Office of the Secretary

- 1) P75,000,000,000 Projects (Above the Budget Ceiling) in the DPWH and Congressional Insertions, '*Pork Barrel*' vis-a-vis DPWH FY 2019 Original Budget Proposal

Considering the revelations that projects amounting to P75,000,000,000 were introduced to the DPWH budget on top of the *Budget Ceiling* of P480,000,000,000 imposed to it by the Department of Budget and Management, that the projects involved are pet projects of certain legislators and government officials, and that the mentioned amount was the source of the *insertions* made by certain legislators under the GAB, ADOPT as Senate version the submission of the DPWH to the Senate Finance Committee Chairperson, dated 15 January 2019, as the DPWH Budget for the FY 2019 General Appropriations amounting to **P465,510,355,000** (Exclusive of Automatic Appropriations).

2) P50,957,153,000 Difference

The **P50,957,153,000** difference between the DPWH submission of **P465,510,355,000** and the appropriated amount of **P516,467,508,000** for the DPWH under the FY 2019 GAB, shall be utilized as provided herein and for the proposed government takeover of Hanjin Heavy Industries Construction Shipyard.





### 3) Right-of-Way Appropriations

As disclosed by the DPWH during the Plenary Deliberations on its proposed FY 2019 Appropriations that there are still funds for Right-of-Way (ROW) from their FY 2018 Appropriations that have yet to be utilized and that they only need at least **P20,000,000,000** for FY 2019, **REDUCE** the amount appropriated for ROW for the DPWH from **P28,889,051,000**, as found on page 797 of Volume I-B of FY 2019 GAB, to **P20,000,000,000**.

The **P8,889,051,000** amount deducted shall be utilized as indicated herein.

### 4) Dredging/Desilting/Deepening

As discussed during the Plenary Deliberations on DPWH's proposed FY 2019 Appropriations that dredging/desilting/deepening projects are often the source of corruption, it was agreed that said projects be amended and the appropriations instead be reallocated for purchase of dredging/desilting/deepening equipment and the required budget for manpower. The DPWH has committed to submit the list of dredging/desilting/deepening projects and a new proposal for the purchase of dredging/desilting/deepening equipment and the necessary budget for manpower.

Therefore, **DELETE** all dredging/desilting/deepening projects in the DPWH FY 2019 proposed appropriations and reallocate the amount to the new DPWH proposal (to be submitted) for the purchase of dredging/desilting/deepening equipment and budgetary requirement of needed manpower. This amendment is subject to the submission by the DPWH of the proposal. In case the DPWH failed to submit a proposal, **DELETE** all dredging/desilting/deepening projects from its proposed FY 2019 Appropriations and allocate the corresponding amount to other worthwhile projects.

### 5) Baguio-La Trinidad-Itogon-Sablan-Tuba and Tublay (BLISTT) Road Project

During the Committee Hearing on the proposed FY 2019 Budget of DPWH, it was revealed that there was no appropriate consideration of the soil condition in areas where the Baguio-La Trinidad-Itogon-Sablan-Tuba and Tublay (BLISTT) Road Project is being implemented. Thus, no proper slope/landslide protection was constructed which could have prevented the massive landslides that destroyed the newly constructed roads and most importantly, resulted in loss of lives.

Accordingly, the total amount of **P590,000,000**, to be appropriated for the six (6) BLISTT Projects found on page 934 of Volume I-B of FY 2019 GAB, is hereby proposed to be reallocated for the Construction of Slip, Slope, Collapse, and Landslide Protections along the BLISTT Road Project. This amendment is subject to the submission by the DPWH of a plan for the Construction of Slip, Slope, Collapse, and Landslide Protections along the BLISTT. In case of non-submission, the appropriations shall be deleted.

6) Eastern Interior By-Pass Road Nomenclature

In a discussion with DPWH Region X Director Zenaida T. Tan, the project, "*Eastern Interior By-Pass Road (Gusa Puerto/Jct. Sayre Highway), w/ Tunnel, Phase 3, Cagayan De Oro City*" has not proceeded with the implementation of the tunnel component. For this reason, delete the phrase "w/ Tunnel" of the project title on Page 924, Volume I-B of the FY 2019 GAB, to read as follows:

*"Eastern Interior By-Pass Road (Gusa Puerto/Jct. Sayre Highway), [w/ Tunnel,] Phase 3, Cagayan De Oro City"*

VII. Department of Transportation

1) Philippine Coast Guard

In order to enhance the capability of the Philippine Coast Guard, it is recommend to fund of the acquisition of three (3) units of Light Helicopters amounting to **P120,000,000** and three (3) Multi-Purpose Fixed-Wing Aircraft amounting to **P750,000,000**.

The total funding requirement of **P870,000,000** shall be sourced from the **P9,151,816,000** to be deducted from the proposed appropriations for *Local Government Support Fund-Other Financial Assistance to Local Government Units*, under the Allocations for Local Government Units.

VIII. Other Executive Offices

1) Commission on Higher Education

1) *Tulong Dunong* Program

Congress passed Republic Act 10931 or the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act" with the intent of making education accessible to all and "protect and promote the rights of all students to quality education at all levels." It is to comprehensively address educational requirements in the tertiary level.

With the passage of RA 10931, the objectives of the *Tulong Dunong* Program are now subsumed under the more inclusive *Tertiary Education Subsidy* of RA 10931. Thus, the Program is now superfluous and a duplication.

Regrettably, *Tulong Dunong* Program has also become 'pork' of some legislators, as if it is their own scholarship fund. Thus, it is no longer a genuine scholarship program but a source of 'pork' fund to further patronage politics.

For the above reasons, DELETE the *Tulong Dunong* Program in the proposed FY 2019 Budget. The amount of **P3,108,486,000** for *Tulong Dunong* Program shall be reallocated to augment the *Tertiary Education Subsidy* under the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education.

As a consequence, DELETE the Special Provision of *Tulong Dunong*. Accordingly, amend the Special Provision of Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education to reflect the increase in its total appropriations.

## 2) Legal Education Board

In order that the Legal Education Board will be able to affectively discharge its function, allocate an additional budget of **P6,000,000** for the Board to fund the following:

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| a. Professional Services              | P3,000,000 |
| b. Rental for Additional Office Space | P3,000,000 |

The funding requirement shall be sourced from the **P9,151,816,000** to be deducted from the proposed appropriations for *Local Government Support Fund-Other Financial Assistance to Local Government Units*, under the Allocations for Local Government Units.

## 2) Presidential Legislative Liaison Office

In order to fund the implementation of the Electronic Legislative Liaison (eLSS) Project, reallocate the amount of **P5,000,000** to this project from the **P9,151,816,000** to be deducted from the proposed appropriations for *Local Government Support Fund-Other Financial Assistance to Local Government Units*, under the Allocations for Local Government Units.

3) Technical Education and Skills Development Authority

Restore the amount of **P4,861,196,000** deducted by the Senate Finance Committee Report from the original proposed FY 2019 Budget of Technical Education and Skills Development Authority and source the needed amount from the **P50,957,153,000** difference between the DPWH submission of **P465,510,355,000** and the appropriated amount of **P516,467,508,000** for the DPWH under the FY 2019 GAB.

IX. Judiciary

1) Supreme Court of the Philippines and the Lower Courts

Increase the proposed appropriations for the Court of the Philippines and the Lower Courts by **P920,669,000**, to be distributed as follows:

- 1) **P111,985,000** as additional funding for the Operations of the Philippine Judicial Academy (*Training Expenses*);
- 2) **P20,000,000** to augment the allocation of the Operations of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (*Training Expenses*);
- 3) **P300,000,000** as additional amount for Construction/Completion/and/or/Repair/Rehabilitation of the Halls of Justice nationwide (JUSIP). This amount shall fund the construction of the Cagayan de Oro Judicial Complex which will house the 1st and 2nd level courts, Court of Appeals Mindanao, Office of the Court Administrator for Mindanao and a training center for Mindanao judges and court personnel; and,
- 4) **P488,684,000** to fund the Salary Differential of First Level Courts.

Thus, the proposed appropriations of the Supreme Court of the Philippines and the Lower Courts shall be increased from **P32,528,744,000** to **P33,449,413,000**.

The increase in the amount of **P920,669,000** sourced from the **P9,151,816,000** to be deducted from the proposed appropriations for *Local Government Support Fund-Other Financial Assistance to Local Government Units*, under the Allocations for Local Government Units.

X. Allocations to Local Government Unit

1) Local Government Support Fund

1) Assistance to Municipalities

The amount allocated for *Public Markets/Farmers Markets (Bagsakan Centers) and Public Cemeteries* of **P970,000,000** shall be transferred under the proposed appropriations for *Assistance to Municipalities*, to fund the construction of Public Markets. For reference See Annex "B."

Thus, the amount to be appropriated herein shall be increased from **P11,714,133,000** to **P12,684,133,000**.

The corresponding amendment to the Special Provision shall be proposed hereunder.

## 2) Other Financial Assistance to Local Government Units

Considering, as disclosed during the interpellations, that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has no knowledge in the increase of proposed appropriations for *Other Financial Assistance to Local Government Units* from the NEP to the GAB (Senate Version), in the amount of **P9,182,098,000**, and the denial by the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) of any participation in its programming and execution and monitoring, the said amount of **P9,182,098,000** shall hereby be deducted from the proposed appropriations for *Other Financial Assistance to Local Government Units*.

The amount of **P9,151,816,000** shall be the source of budgetary amendments as proposed herein.

The corresponding amendment to the Special Provision shall be proposed hereunder.

## 2. Special Provision Amendments.

### I. Department of Agriculture

#### 1) Office of the Secretary

Consistent with the proposal to DELETE projects that are not found in the 2019 NEP, following is the amendment on Special Provision No. 8 of the DA:

On PAGE 78 OF VOLUME I-A of the FY 2019 GAB, on LINES 58 to 57, replace the words and figure "Eleven Billion Six Hundred Fifty Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P11,658,500,000)" with "**SIX BILLION FOUR HUNDRED ELEVEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P6,411,500,00).**"

II. Department of Education

1) Office of the Secretary

1) Special Provision No. 4

On page 185 of Volume I-A of the FY 2019 GAB, line 4, REPLACE the words and figure "Two Billion Pesos (P2,000,000,000)" with "**FOUR BILLION PESOS (P4,000,000,000).**"

Thus, Special Provision No. 4 will now read as follows:

*"4. Quick Response Fund. The amount of [Two Billion Pesos (P2,000,000,000)] **FOUR BILLION PESOS (P4,000,000,000)** appropriated herein for the Quick Response Fund (QRF) xxx"*

2) Insert New Special Provision No. 12

On page 187 of Volume I-A of the FY 2019 GAB, after Section 11, insert a new Special Provision between lines 4 and 5, to read as follows:

**"12. PROVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY. THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P100,000,000) UNDER THE "TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS" SHALL BE APPROPRIATED FOR LEARNERS WITH DISABILITIES ENROLLED IN THE FORMAL SCHOOL SYSTEM AND ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM. THIS SHALL INCLUDE MULTIPLE PLATFORMS USING ELECTRONIC AND ONLINE MODES OF DELIVERY; LEGAL MANDATES OF R.A. 10533, RA 10410 AND THE MOTHER TONGUE-BASED OF MULTILINGUAL EDUCATION (MTB-MLE POLICY) FOR FILIPINO SIGN LANGUAGE; AND THE NEEDS OF PLANNED LEARNING RESOURCE CENTERS, AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL LEARNER MATERIAL NEEDS. FOR THE FIRST IMPLEMENTATION, 60% OF THIS AMOUNT SHALL BE ALLOCATED FOR INCLUSIVE EDUCATION OF FORMAL SCHOOLS WHILE 40% OF THIS AMOUNT SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO SCHOOLS UNDER THE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM PROGRAM.**

Renumber the succeeding provisions accordingly.



### III. Department of Interior and Local Government

#### 1) Office of the Secretary

##### 1) Special Provision No. 3

With the transfer of the item *Public Markets/Farmers Markets (Bagsakan Centers) and Public Cemeteries Projects* to *Local Government Support Fund*, Allocation to Local Government Units (ALGU), an amendment is hereby proposed:

On PAGE 906 of Volume I-A of the FY 2019 GAB, **DELETE** the entire Special Provision No. 3, from LINES 44 to 52.

Re-number the Special Provisions accordingly.

#### 2) Philippine National Police

##### 1) Special Provision No. 2

In relation to the amendment to increase the *Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) per capita cost* the following amendments to Special provision No. 2 is being proposed:

On PAGE 938 of Volume I-A of the FY 2019 GAB, on LINES 49 to 50, **REPLACE** the words and figure "Three Billion Four Hundred Thirty Three Million One Hundred Twenty Thousand Pesos (P3,433,120,000)" with "**THREE BILLION FOUR HUNDRED NINETY TWO MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P3,492,958,800).**"

### IV. Department of Public Works and Highways

#### 1) Office of the Secretary

##### 1) Special Provision No. 11

Due to poor planning and non-settlement of right-of-way issues, the implementation of projects are delayed and/or suspended.

To address the problem, the government adopted a policy, under Republic Act No. 10752, that the right-of-way should be settled prior to project implementation. Thus, under Section 10 of the said law it is provided:

*"The government shall provide adequate appropriations that will allow the concerned implementing agencies to acquire the required right-of-way site or location for*

*national government infrastructure projects in advance of project implementation* These appropriations shall cover the funds needed to cover the following expenses for activities directly related to right-of-way acquisition for the projects as provided in this Act:

xxx”

Therefore, an amendment is hereby proposed to return a paragraph that has been in the ROW Special Provision of the DPWH in the previous GAAs since the effectivity of R.A. No. 10752 but was no longer included in the 2019 NEP and the 2019 GAB.

Thus, on PAGE 1080 of Volume I-A of the FY 2019 GAB, on LINE 56, after the period and before the word “The”, INSERT the following paragraph:

*“IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, THE DPWH SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL ROW EXPENSES AUTHORIZED UNDER R.A. NO. 10752 ARE SETTLED BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF PROJECTS.”*

V. Other Executive Offices

1) Commission on Higher Education

1. Tulong Dunong

On PAGE 227 of Volume I-B of the FY 2019 GAB, **DELETE** the entire Special Provision No. 4, *Tulong Dunong Program*, from LINES 24 to 27.

2. Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education

On LINES 7 and 8 of PAGE 227 of Volume I-B of the FY 2019 GAB, **DELETE** the amount and figures “Forty Three Billion Three Hundred Eight Million Nine Hundred Nineteen Thousand Pesos (P43,308,919,000)” and **REPLACE** it with “**FORTY SIX BILLION FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTEEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P46,417,405,000).**”

VI. Allocations to Local Government Units

1) Local Government Support Fund

1) Assistance to Municipalities



Amend Special Provision No. 1 of the Local Government Support Fund:

On PAGE 580 of Volume I-B of the FY 2019 GAB, change the amount, in words and figures, on LINES 21 to 22 from "Eleven Billion Seven Hundred Fourteen Million One Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Pesos (P11,714,133,000)" to **TWELVE BILLION SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR MILLION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P12,684,133,000).**"

Still on PAGE 580 of Volume I-B of the FY 2019 GAB, on LINE 27, after the semicolon and the word "and", INSERT a new (viii):

**"(VIII) PUBLIC MARKETS;"**

Renumber the enumerations accordingly.

2) Other Financial Assistance to Local Government Units

On PAGE 581 of Volume I-B of the FY 2019 GAB, change the amount, in words and figures, on LINES 28 to 29 from "Sixteen Billion One Hundred Eighty-Two Million Ninety Eight Thousand Pesos (P16,182,098,000)" to **"SEVEN BILLION THIRTY MILLION TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P7,030,282,000).**"

VII. National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Fund (NDRRMF)

On page 592 of Volume I-B of the FY 2019 GAB, line 42, REPLACE the words and figure, "Two Billion Pesos (P2,000,000,000)", with **"FOUR BILLION PESOS (P4,000,000,000).**"

3. General Provision Amendments

4. Section 2. FY 2019 Budget with UACS.

On LINE 5 of PAGE 614, Volume I-B of the FY 2019 GAB, between the word "in" and "for", delete the phrase "*the release of the appropriations in this Act*" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase "ALL STAGES OF THE BUDGET CYCLE".

On line 6, after the period (.), insert the sentence "THE UACS MUST BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC."

The amended provision will read as follows:

**"Section 2. FY 2019 Budget with UACS. All items of appropriations in this Act shall be given account codes by the DBM pursuant to the Unified Accounts Code Structure (UACS). This account code shall be used in [the release of the appropriations in this Act] ALL STAGES OF THE BUDGET CYCLE for a unified accounting, auditing and reporting of all financial transactions of the government. THE UACS MUST BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC."**

IV. Section 93. Transparency in Infrastructure Projects.

On page 634, between lines 28 and 29, insert new paragraphs (b) and (c):

**"(b) START OF CONSTRUCTION; TARGET DATE OF COMPLETION; COMPLETION RATE; PROJECT STATUS; IN CASE OF DELAY, STATE THE REASON/S; AND,**

**(c) SOURCE OF FUND; IMPLEMENTING OFFICE, RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL AND CONTACT NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS;"**

Renumber paragraphs accordingly.

VI. Section 90. Quarterly Financial and Physical Reports

On line 54 of Page 633, Volume I-B of the FY 2019 GAB, between the comma (,) and the word "and", insert the phrase "OBLIGATIONS INCURRED OR LIQUIDATED, UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS, TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS".

On LINE 55, after the period (.), insert the sentence "THESE REPORTS SHALL BE PRESENTED VIS-À-VIS CORRESPONDING P/A/P APPROVED IN THE GAA."

The amended provision will read as follows:

**"Section 90. Quarterly Financial and Physical Reports.**

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*The DBM shall likewise submit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate of the Philippines, the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance, either in the form of by way of electronic document, quarterly reports on releases from, OBLIGATIONS INCURRED OR LIQUIDATED, UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS, TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS and balances of, Special Purpose Funds, Supplemental Appropriations and Automatic Appropriations*


as well as modification of funds approved by it pursuant to the general provisions of this Act. **THESE REPORTS SHALL BE PRESENTED VIS-À-VIS CORRESPONDING P/A/P APPROVED IN THE GAA.**

## 5. ANNEXES

- I. For purposes of transparency and proper presentment as required by Section 27(2) of Article VI of the Constitution, the following shall be Annexed to the General Appropriations Act:
  - 1) List of Municipalities Beneficiaries under the Assistance to Municipalities (ANNEX C);
  - 2) List of Provinces Beneficiaries under the Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces for Road and Bridge Repair, Rehabilitation and Improvement (ANNEX D);
  - 3) List of Municipalities Beneficiaries under the SALINTUBIG Program (ANNEX E); and,
  - 4) List of Municipalities Beneficiaries under the Other Financial Assistance to Local Government Units, as submitted by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) during the interpellations.

## 6. Reservation

Reservation is being made to propose additional or submit supplemental amendments to the FY 2019 General Appropriations Bill.

  
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