

OPEN LETTER TO OUR CONGRESSMAN

MANIPESTO SA PAGPAMATOK SA PAGPASAR SANG HOUSE BILL 7853 NGA GINSPONSORAN NI CONGRESSMAN PABLO GARCIA ANGUT SA PAG AMENDAR SANG RA 8850, FISHERIES CODE OF 1998, SECTION 18 AS AMENDED BY RA 10654 SA PLANO NGA PAGHATAG LIGWA SANG COMMERCIAL FISHING OPERATION NGA MAGASULOD SA MUNICIPAL WATERS NGA TERITORYO SANG LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Kami nga mga katapo sang magagmay nga mangingisda, kapunungan sang pamalakaya , coastal fisherfolks organization kag ang Lokal nga Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Management Council sa Siyudad sang Sipalay naga hili usa sa pagpamatok kag pagbalabag sa pag pa implementar or plano nga pagligwat sa RA 8550 as amended by RA 10654 angut sa paghatag ligwa sa pagpasulod sang Commercial Fishing Operation sa sulod sa Municipal Waters . Angut sini , dako amon pagkabalaka nga may possibilid nga magalapakan ang amun nga mga kinamatarong , pribilihiyo kag nagapangayo sang hustisya para maagum namun ang dugay nga nga ginapangayo nga ang ini nga espasyo sang Municipal Waters ihatag sa mga magagmay nga mananagat (Municipal Fishers) suno sa Probisyon sa Section 18 . Gani nagapanawagan man kami sang Ahensya sang Fisheries paagi sa Department of Agriculture, National Fisheries Reform, League of Coastal Cities and Coastal Municipalities, National FARMC kag hilabi na guid ang amon nga Congressional District Representative sa pagbalasa kag mag patunga nga may naka igo igtalupangud sa kahimtang sang atun nga magagmay nga mananagat (Marginal Fishers). Gapamatok guid kami kag bug os ang amon position angut sa naga kalain lain nga rason.

1. Hasta subong wala man sang insakto nga datus nga gina pagua ang National Government angut sa husto nga numero sang Commercial Fishers nga rehistrado kag legal nga nagapanagat sa sulod sa Municipal Waters.
2. Ang mga LGU nga may ara Special Ordinance angut sa pagpasulod sa commercial sa 10.1 kilometers sa sulod sa Municipal Waters guina abuso sa kadam an nga may mga inpluwensya sa poder kag indi mapat od ang kaundan sang nasambit nga layi.
3. Wala man sang naga ka igo nga suporta sa local nga Kagamhanan nga pa baskogun ang pag enforce (enforcement support) sang matood tood nga layi nga naga apin sa gagmay nga mananagat hilabi nagid ang natungdang nga ahensya (BFAR).
4. Paghatag sang full control sa Local Government Unit sa pagdumala, pagkontrol sa pagpasulod sang Commercial Fishing Operation sa sulod sa Municipal Waters.

Sa sin inga tion gapangabay kami sang inyo nga sinsero nga bulig sa amon nga pinalangga nga kongresista nga ma agum namun ang hustisya suno sa ginhambal sang layi sang Fisheries, may ala langay nga pag tratar kag pag hatag pribilihiyo sang magagmay nga mananagat. Angut sini gusto namum ipa abot sa amun pinalangga nga congressman nga kung puede buligan mo kami sa pag usisa sa mga bentaha kag dis bentaha sang sin inga pag amender sang layi nga sa diin ang amon pinalangga nga mga opisyaes sa syudad sang Sipalay dugay na nga gamatok kag nag deklarar nga No Commercial Fishing Operation sa sulod sang Municipal Waters sang tuig 2003 hasta subong. Ang pag istrikto sap ag implementar sa probisyon sang RA 8550 naghatag kadunggan sa LGU nga may pinakabaskog nga enforcement unit sa bug os nga probinsya, aktibo nga FARMC. Sa sin inga tion, naga lagda ang mga lideres, representante, indibidwal nga registered fisherfolks, artisanal fishers sang Syudad sang Sipalay bilang patimaan sa amun nga pag pamatuk, pag oponer kag pagbasura sa nasambit nga pag amendar sang nasambit nga laye (House Bill 7853).

Ang Tigalawas sa Tingog sang Magagmay nga Mananagat,


BOBBY E. CARBAJOSA
City FARMC Chairperson -LGU Sipalay City



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April 11, 2021

HONORABLE CLAUDIO BACATAN
SP Committee Chair on Environment
Sipalay City

Dear Honorable Bacatan ,

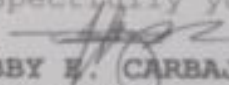
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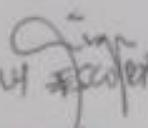
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We hope and pray that you will be supporting us all the way for the total scrapping for passage of the mentioned House Bill.

Thank you for the time and God speed.

Respectfully yours,


BOBBY E. CARBAJOSA
Chairperson
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HONORABLE CRISOSTOMO CAMPILLANOS JR.
SP Committee Chair on Agriculture and Fisheries
Sipalay City

Dear Honorable Campillanos ,

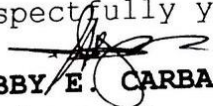
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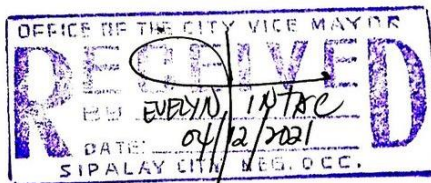


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HONORABLE OSCAR C. MONTILLA JR.
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer
Sipalay City



Dear Mayor Montilla ,

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April 10, 2021

HONORABLE CONGRESSMAN GENARO M. ALVAREZ
Congressman
Sixth District ,

Dear Congressman Alvarez ,

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Respectfully submitted from your good office the signed petition of the local marginalized fishers of the City of Sipalay from the concerned coastal barangays for our strong opposition for the passage of **House of Bill 7853** amending certain Section of RA 8550 as amended by RA 10654 , allowing commercial fishers to further encroach below the 10.1 km. fishing zone as authored by Congressman Pablo Garcia of Cebu City . Anent to these, we been battling these proposition since the LGU Sipalay have formally banned the Commercial Fishing Operation in Municipal Waters since 2003 up to the present . Any changes of the proposed house bill that will placing the plight of the marginalized sectors at a very disadvantageous and dangerous situation . Now that we have attained the social justice that the LGU have been fighting for the last 2 decades and already benefitting from such protection will eventually empower and capacitate local fishers to actively participate in the deliberation of policies and action concerning sustainable fisheries management advocacies. At this juncture , we are hopeful that you will consider our utmost position and to further conduct a more in depth deliberations during congressional inquiry .Lastly , we are also closely coordinating with the National Fisheries Reform Advocates in voicing out our relentless fight in reducing poverty at the grass roots level .

Thank you for taking the time and more power .

Respectfully yours,

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BOBBY E. CARBAJOSA
Chairperson
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