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SEN. JUAN EDGARDO M. ANGARA

Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
Senate of the Philippines

Dear **Sen. Angara**,

Greetings from the League of Provinces of the Philippines.

At the outset, we would like to thank the Senate Committee on Local Government for inviting us to be part in the deliberations on **Senate Bills No. 291, 415, 1930 and House Bill 5288** seeking to institute reforms in real property valuation and assessment in the Philippines.

The League of Provinces of the Philippines is in full support of the said legislative measure to ensure a more progressive and regular assessment and valuation of real property.

In order, however, to enrich the provisions of the bill, may we however, respectfully recommend the following points for your consideration.

On Sec. 7 of both SBN 1930 and SBN 415; Sec. 8 of SBN 291 – Consultations with Concerned Agencies and Sectors

We propose for the inclusion of the **League of Provinces, League of Cities and League of Municipalities** in the Central Consultative Committee/Advisory Board, consistent with Sections 498(a), 501(a) and 504(a) of R.A. 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991.

The aforesaid sections of the LGC vests on the abovementioned Leagues the function to assist the national government in the formulation and implementation of the policies, programs and projects, affecting municipalities, cities and provinces, respectively – as a whole.

Sections 496, 499 and 502 of the same law mandates the organization of the League of Municipalities, League of Cities and League of Provinces, respectively, in order to ventilate, crystallize and articulate issues affecting their respective local government level administration.

On Sec. 23 of both SBN 1930 and SBN 415; Sec. 25 of SBN 291 – Appointment of Assessors

The League of Provinces poses no objections to the provisions for the Secretary of the Department of Finance endorsing the local assessor as suitable and qualified, prior to their appointment by the local chief executive.

We propose, however, that a **time-bound proviso for the DOF to issue its endorsement** be included in the bill.

The same is to ensure that there be no vacuum in the filling up of the local assessor post.

In this light, we are proposing for a **30-day period** for the DOF to come up with its endorsement.

Respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

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