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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 114



Introduced by KABATAAN PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE SARAH JANE I. ELAGO

RESOLUTION URGING THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDEMN AFP AND PNP's VIOLATION OF OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE

WHEREAS, Section 261, Article XXII of the Omnibus Election Code states that "Any officer or employee in the civil service, except those holding political offices; any officer, employee, or member of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, or any police force, special forces, home defense forces, barangay self-defense units and all other paramilitary units that now exist or which may hereafter be organized who, directly or indirectly, intervenes in any election campaign or engages in any partisan political activity, except to vote or to preserve public order, if he is a peace officer";

WHEREAS, the blatant use of government machinery and funds in order to interfere with the 2019 midterm elections, in clear violation of Section 261 of the Omnibus Election Code:

WHEREAS, the said section prohibits the Armed Forces and the PNP from directly or indirectly intervening in any election campaign or engage in partisan political activity—which the AFP and PNP have done on numerous occasions in various fora in schools and universities, as well as on their official social media accounts;

WHEREAS, the uniformed services should be the ones upholding and safeguarding the sanctity of the elections, in line with their oaths to protect the Constitution;

WHEREAS, we call on the members of the House of Representatives to remain vigilant and safeguard the ballot;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the members of the House of Representatives are urged to condemn electoral fraud and to uphold the integrity of the electoral process for the 2019 Midterm Elections.

Adopted,

Rep. SARAH JANE I. ELAGO Kabataan Parylist