

14 December 2022

Honorable Juan Miguel F. Zubiri Senate President, Republic of the Philippines

RE: BILL ON THE PHILIPPINE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (PHIL CDC)

Dear Sen. Zubiri

We are Covid Call to Humanity. CCH is a loose national network of Filipinos deeply concerned about the manner with which the executive branch has administered the Covid crisis since the beginning of 2020. We have spent several years researching the scientific basis of the DOH protocols. Many of these are not based on the scientific evidence. Kindly see our research at https://covidcalltohumanity.org.

Before we got heavily censored by social media, our video presentations were viewed by over 100,000 people and our articles were read by tens of thousands in around 110 countries.

The undersigned is the Lead Convener of CCH. He is also the lead Petitioner in a court case currently before the Supreme Court asking the latter to rule mandatory vaccinations as illegal and contrary to our 1987 Constitution.

Recently, it has come to our attention that both the House and the Senate are contemplating the creation of a Philippine CDC. There are provisions in this bill that are concerning and need to be examined and explored in greater depth.

We urge you NOT to rush the approval of this bill until you have held thorough hearings involving multisectoral stakeholders. We need to review in earnest the performance of the Department of Health (DOH) in handling the COVID-19 pandemic in the past 30 months or so. As the attached Petition shows, we deem their pandemic response as highly problematic.

DOH has been lobbying for the rapid passing of this bill. This bill, once passed into law, will enable the DOH to maintain a state of health emergency in the Philippines. DOH has said this repeatedly in mainstream newspaper reports. Why should DOH be allowed to carry on the way they did when their response has been problematic?

Of extreme significance, the Philippines is definitely not in a state of heath emergency. The cases of true infections have not spiked despite the opening of face-to-face classes, the optional wearing of facemasks both indoors and outdoors, the removal of transportation restrictions, and the observance of UNDAS.

Furthermore, DOH admits that most Filipinos are not taking booster shots resulting in vaccine wastage. Yet, this vaccine hesitancy has not caused a rise in Covid infections. We are not in a health emergency.

Even more striking is the pronouncement of President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. that there will be no more lockdowns. He wants to balance the health of the economy with the strict health measures that DOH has been wanting to roll out. A continued declaration of a state of emergency would be contradicting these more reasonable policy directions of the President.

Honorable Senator, the sentiments expressed above are shared by hundreds of Filipinos as the attached Petition demonstrates. This Petition Campaign is just a few days old yet already more than 700 people from all over the country have signed the Petition.

There are also people signing the Petition using a hard-copy of the Petition as some of the poorer people have no access to the Internet. We will also submit a copy of this parallel petition when we have obtained them.

Many countries around the world have stopped their drastic Covid measures as the disease is basically contained. Besides, the continued roll of the vaccines has shown that many countries, including the Philippines, are showing a disturbing correlation between mass vaccination and historically unprecedented excess deaths. A senior Pfizer executive has also admitted before a hearing at the European Parliament that had no trials to prove that their vaccines stopped infection and transmission.

There are many more disturbing scientific and experiential facts like these that can surely come out should you and your colleagues decide to undertake a thorough-going hearing of the state of the science and the state of global experience in connection with COVID-19. For one, CCH would be more than happy to provide the necessary authoritative evidence to back up the statements above.

We hope that the Senate can be one of the defenders and supporters of Truth that can have tremendous impact on the lives of millions of Filipinos.

Sincerely,

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