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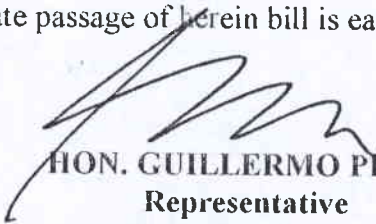
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Funding for the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (the Program”) is ending come year 2008 as Republic Act 8532 which amended Section 63 of Republic Act 6657 otherwise known as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law (CARL) only provided for funds for the Program until the year 2008.

While efforts to amend the substance of the CARL, in terms of retention limits, coverage, and transferability of awarded lands, are much laudable. It is wise to first ensure that the funds for the Program such as it is for the next several years is allocated. Thus if the proposed amendments to RA 6657 are delayed for whatever reason, including the inevitable debate in the Houses of Congress and lobbying by the different sectors that would be affected by the amendment of the CARL, the funding for the Program is assured and shall continue.

Premises considered, the immediate passage of herein bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6657 AS AMENDED
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THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW OF 1988.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 6657 otherwise known as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 5. Schedule of Implementation. - The distribution of all lands covered by this Act shall be implemented immediately and completed [within ten years from the effectivity thereof.] **BY 2018.**"

SECTION 2. Section 63 of Republic Act No. 6657 otherwise known as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 63. Funding source. — The amount needed to implement this Act until the year [2008] **2018** shall be funded from the Agrarian Reform Fund.

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SECTION 3. *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.