

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. Res. 142

Condemning the Government of the Philippines for its continued detention of Senator Leila De Lima, calling for her immediate release, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by Mr. MARKEY

Viz:

1 Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

2 "That the Senate—

3 (1) condemns—

4 (A) the Government of the Philippines for

5 its role in state-sanctioned extrajudicial killings

6 by police and other armed individuals as part of

7 the "War on Drugs";

8 (B) the arrest and detention of human

9 rights defenders and political leaders who exercise

10 their rights to freedom of expression;

1 (C) the harassment, arrest, and unjustified
2 judicial proceedings against the media and jour-
3 nalists, in particular, the proceeding against
4 Rappler and Maria Ressa; and

5 (D) the continued detention of Senator
6 Leila De Lima;

7 (2) considers Senator De Lima to be a prisoner
8 of conscience, detained solely on account of her polit-
9 ical views and the legitimate exercise of her freedom
10 of expression;

11 (3) calls on the President of the United States
12 to impose sanctions pursuant to the Global
13 Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (sub-
14 title F of title XII of Public Law 114–328; 22
15 U.S.C. 2656 note) with respect to—

16 (A) members of the security forces and of-
17 ficials of the Government of the Philippines re-
18 sponsible for extrajudicial killings; and

19 (B) officials of the Government of the Phil-
20 ippines responsible for orchestrating the arrest
21 and prolonged detention of Senator De Lima;

22 (4) calls on the Government of the Philippines
23 to immediately release Senator De Lima, drop all
24 charges against her, remove restrictions on her per-
25 sonal and work conditions, and allow her to fully dis-

1 charge her legislative mandate, especially as Chair of
2 the Committee on Social Justice;

3 (5) calls on the President of the United States
4 to ensure that United States security assistance pro-
5 vided to the Philippine National Police is fully con-
6 sistent with the human rights conditions mandated
7 in section 36 of the Arms Export Control Act ((22
8 U.S.C. 2776)) and section 620M of the Foreign As-
9 sistance Act of 1961, (22 U.S.C. 2378d);

10 (6) urges the Government of the Philippines to
11 recognize the importance of human rights defenders
12 and their work and allow them to operate freely
13 without fear of reprisal; and

14 (5) urges the Government of the Philippines to
15 guarantee the right to the freedom of the press, and
16 to drop all the charges against Maria Ressa and
17 Rappler.