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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ALLEGED PROLIFERATION OF THE USE OF ILLEGAL REPEATERS (SIGNAL BOOSTERS) IN MARAWI CITY**

**WHEREAS**, a repeater or signal booster is a device used for boosting the signal from the cell tower which works by receiving the signal outside, amplifying it and rebroadcasting it in an area, the use of which should only be authorized by select agencies during extreme periods of disaster;

**WHEREAS**, under NTC Memorandum Order No. 01-02-2013, the sale, purchase, importation, possession or use of cellular mobile repeaters and portable cell sites are generally illegal and only licensed CMTS operators NDRRRMC and other government agencies involved in national security or safety, authorized by NTC, are authorized to purchase, import, possess and use such devices;

**WHEREAS**, the existence of an illegal repeater or signal booster in a particular area causes complications such as network interference resulting to slow or failed connections, dropped calls, garbled lines, choppy lines, robot voice registry, weak or no signal, and voice quality problems;

**WHEREAS**, users of illegal repeaters get boosted signal while others experience poor, interfered or non-existent mobile service, causing problems for both students (online distance learning) and employees (work from home setup), even life-threatening to some especially during disasters and other emergencies, potentially disrupting the upcoming elections as the electronic vote counting machines rely on cell signals at polling precincts;

**WHEREAS**, the complaints posted by Marawi City residents on social media have pushed Lanao del Sur Gov. Mamintal Adiong Jr. to tap the support of the Army's 103<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade in the campaign against the massive sale of boosters and repeaters in the province;

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the Committee on Transportation and Communications should investigate the alleged proliferation of the use of illegal repeaters in Marawi City in order to craft appropriate legislative measures that will put an end to the illegal activity and address the concerns of the constituents;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority:

**THAT THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ALLEGED PROLIFERATION OF THE USE OF ILLEGAL REPEATERS (SIGNAL BOOSTERS) IN MARAWI CITY.**

*Adopted,*

  
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