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Dearest Secretary Loyzaga,

Mabuhay po kayo!

I am writing to you with a prayer that my pleas and woes be heard this time after almost two decades of miseries with some people from DENR office in Sablayan, Occ. Mindoro has caused me. Please let me state the details of;

My husband and I bought the rights to a parcel of land in 1996 from occupants who have stayed here since 1975. We built our house in 1998, resided permanently in 2004 but LMO Quebec came to inform all the occupants to this area that the lots belong to a Mr. Oscar Catama. We then secured a Certification of A and D in 2004 and filed a protest in 2005. We continued living here and in 2011 a DPWH concrete canal project passed through our property with around 221 sqm on the other side of the canal. People living around this area decided that we altogether do our application in 2013 but the then LMO Engr. Quebec insisted that it was owned by Mr. Catama, who upon hearings with the Barangay has been proven to have NO application nor occupation at all to the lots we were occupying. Engr Quebec then placed a **status quo order** (*with minutes from the barangay*) to the still vacant lots but with owner/occupants including our separated lot, and the rest with houses built were given approved application and issued titles subsequently. **But we were surprised that our lot in dispute with a status quo order was taken by force in 2017, Mark Anthony Bernardo was armed with not just bolos but with an application signed and approved by now CENRO Quebec.** He said that the property was bought from Mr. Catama, but what we couldn't believe was that he was given an application for a Residential Free Patent and was approved by CENRO Quebec when this man never resided in that place same with Mr. Catama. This application is a proof that it is indeed a public land, that Mr. Quebec has abused his authority. To our dismay I filed an adverse claim and together with the owners of the lots with dispute, we approached then CENRO Boyles and he ordered both parties to submit position papers. Since 2018 when it was received by DENR local and regional offices with two instances of investigation coming from the region, one with Investigator Aguha and company in 2018 and the other with Asst. Regional Dir. Vince Tuddao and company in 2021, but never heard of any results from them after series of follow-ups and a request order from the Ombudsman to expedite. One instance, we went to DENR Region 4B office in Manila, we spoke to an investigator, stated our concerns and he told us that we have a point, though he said "kabaro namin sya"!

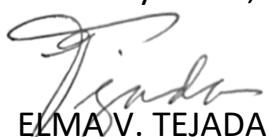
We felt the injustices done to us, one day I decided to post it in my fb account, soon people I don't even know of messaged me and said the same cases were done to them by CENRO Quebec and his allies in the office. Meron pong 15 hectares pinatituluhan nya pero nalaman na lang nya na ipinangalan ni Mr. Quebec sa mga kapatid ng asawa nya ang nasabing lupa. Meron din pong lupang ninuno ng aming mga katutubo subalit napatituluhan sa isang taga Cavite. At marami pa pong kaapihan na ginawa sa aming mga kababayan at sa kalikasan na siyang dapat nagsasa-ayos nito.

With these, I am begging you, our dear RD, to look into our predicament. Wala na po akong maisip na matatakbuhan, marami na po akong hinaing na sinumite sa tanggapan ng DENR pero walang nangyayari. Now we have a new CENRO in the person of Mr. Anastacio Santos, whom we find just, reasonable and trustworthy. But sadly, he is being attacked by Mr. Quebec and allies in his attempt to come back to this office to continue their evil deeds. Ginagawa ko po ito hindi lang sa pansarili naming kapakanan, subalit higit sa lahat ito po ay para sa kaayusan at pagkakaroon ng isang mapagkakatiwalaang pamumuno dito sa mga bayan na nasasakupan ng opisina ng DENR Sablayan, Occ. Mindoro. *I have attached all the necessary documents to prove my claims for reference.*

Once again, I am an ordinary citizen, aggrieved and concerned with the continued mishaps with your department here in the province of Occ. Mindoro. Our request for these kinds of officials be investigated and stopped from their malpractices. My prayers for a resolution to take effect under your loving care and I hope to receive the answers in seven working days from receipt hereof otherwise I shall be forced to take the legal course of forwarding this long overdue problem to ARTA or other authorities until I get heard.

God bless po!

Sincerely Yours,



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