MEMORANDUM

FOR	:	**The Directors** Legal Affairs Service Policy and Planning Service Indigenous Peoples Concerns - Mindanao and Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao Affairs
		The Bureau Directors Biodiversity Management Bureau Forest Management Bureau Land Management Bureau
		The Administrator National Mapping and Resource Information Authority
		All Regional Executive Directors
FROM	:	**The Director** Legislative Liaison Office
SUBJECT	:	**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON HOUSE BILL NOS. 531 AND 8657 OR THE PROPOSED "PROTECTED GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS ACT" FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
DATE	:	06 September 2023

This refers to the email received by our Office dated 05 September 2023, the Committee on Trade and Industry of the House of Representatives will be conducting deliberations on the following legislative measures:

- **HOUSE BILL NO. 531** – "**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTED GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS OF LOCALLY PRODUCED FOOD PRODUCTS, FOODSTUFF, HANDICRAFTS, WINES AND SPIRITS**", introduced by Representative Geraldine B. Roman; and

- **HOUSE BILL NO. 8657** – "**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL OR NATURAL (UNPROCESSED OR WILD) PRODUCTS, PROCESSED PRODUCTS, WINES AND SPIRITS, OR ANY PRODUCTS OF HANDICRAFT OR INDUSTRY**", introduced by Representative Mario Vittorio "Marvey" A. Mariño

In this regard, may we respectfully request **comments/recommendations from your office on the abovementioned matter, in preparation for their forthcoming deliberations,** as requested by the Committee. Kindly send them on or before **11 September 2023, at 5 PM** via email at denrllo@denr.gov.ph.

Attached herewith is the copy of the abovementioned email, and the House bills for your reference.

For information and appropriate action, please.

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cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs