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*Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples*

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*The Honorable Secretary*  
**MARIA ANTONIA YULO-LOYZAGA**  
*Department of Environment and Natural Resources*  
*Visayas Avenue, Diliman*  
*Quezon City*

Dear Secretary Yulo-Loyzaga,

The Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples respectfully seeks the **comments and position of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on the following House Bill:**

**House Bill No: 9608**

AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE ANCESTRAL LANDS ADMINISTRATION  
AND ADJUDICATION PROCESS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8371, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "THE  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RIGHTS ACT OF 1997"

*Rep. Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo*

The Committee will be scheduling the aforesaid measure for initial deliberation at the soonest possible time. As such, **we would greatly appreciate receiving the comments and position of Your Honor's good office on or before Monday, December 11, 2023**, to give the Committee Members ample time to review the same.

A copy of H.B. No. 9608 is attached herewith for Your Honor's reference.

Thank you and warm regards.

Respectfully yours,

  
**ALLEN JESSE C. MANGAOANG**  
*Chairperson*