Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City  
EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
Third Regular Session  

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2166  

Introduced by HONORABLE WES GATCHALIAN  

RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY TO CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE SMALL BUSINESS CORPORATION TO CONDUCT A BRIEFING ON THE UTILIZATION OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11469 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11494  

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, Republic Act No. 11469 or the Bayanihan to Heal As One Act (Bayanihan 1) was enacted to allow the government to undertake programs for the recovery and rehabilitation of all sectors affected by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);  

WHEREAS, to this end, a total of Two hundred three million pesos (P203,000,000.00) was appropriated in favor of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to cover funding requirements for the implementation of the Livelihood Seeding Program and Negosyo sa Barangay Program;  

WHEREAS, the Small Business Corporation (SB Corp.) on the other hand was allocated a total of One billion pesos (Php1,000,000,000) to cover the National Government subsidy for the implementation of the Pondo sa Pagbabago at Pag-asenso Program;  

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2020, Republic Act No. 11494 or the Bayanihan to Recover As One Act (Bayanihan II) was enacted to provide additional means for the government to mitigate the economic cost and losses from the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as help accelerate the recovery and bolster the resilience of the Philippine economy;  

WHEREAS, under Bayanihan II, the amount of One hundred million pesos (Php100,000,000.00) was allocated in the budget of the DTI to cover funding requirements for the implementation of the Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa Program through the Shared Service Facilities (SSF) Project;
WHEREAS, a total of Ten billion pesos was appropriated to the SB Corp. as additional funding for the COVID-19 Assistance to Restart Enterprises (CARES) Program, its other lending programs, as well as for utilization as interest subsidy to be extended to for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), cooperatives, hospitals, tourism industry, and OFWs affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and other socioeconomic reversals;

WHEREAS, the impending 2022 National Budget deliberations deems it necessary for Congress to look into the utilization of these funds and in order to understand the needs of the DTI, assess the adequacy of the funding to serve the needs of the target beneficiaries and the capability/suitability of the programs to achieve the objective of the budgetary allocations, with the end in view of ensuring inclusive economic recovery and rehabilitation for all;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Philippines to direct the House Committee on Trade and Industry to call the Department of Trade and Industry and the Small Business Corporation to conduct a briefing on the utilization of funds appropriated under Republic Act No. 11469 and Republic Act No. 11494.

Adopted,

HON. WES GATCHALIAN
1st District, Valenzuela City