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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2258

Introduce by  
SENIOR CITIZENS Party-List REP. RODOLFO "OMPONG" M. ORDANES

RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION TO ALLOW SENIOR CITIZENS AND IMMUNOCOMPROMISED INDIVIDUALS TO GET A THIRD DOSE OF COVID-19 VACCINE OR WHAT IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS A "BOOSTER SHOT".

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that immunocompromised individuals, or individuals who have: Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), solid tumor and hematologic malignancies, under treatment with immunosuppressive medications, severe primary immunodeficiencies (e.g., DiGeorge Syndrome), recipient of solid-organ transplant, or are senior citizens, need an additional third dose of COVID-19 vaccine (booster shot) to become fully protected against it.

WHEREAS, the CDC said that a booster shot is critical for immunocompromised individuals since they are: (a) increased risk of poor outcomes from COVID-19 where they comprise more than 40% of breakthrough cases, (b) cannot build the same level of immunity after the original COVID-19 vaccine series compared to non-immuno-compromised individuals, (c) are more likely to virus to other people, (d) prolonged COVID-19 infection and shedding, (e) viral evolution during infection and treatment, and (f) low antibody/neutralization titers to COVID-19 variants.

WHEREAS, even with these new findings involving the status and welfare of immunocompromised individuals and senior citizens, and their need for booster shots, they still cannot get a booster shot in the Philippines.

WHEREAS, continuing to disallow immunocompromised individuals and senior citizens from having booster shots puts their lives at a severe risk and prejudice which is contrary to our nation’s duty to protect them and preserve their well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to urge the Department of Health and the Food and Drug Administration to allow senior citizens and
immunocompromised individuals to get a third dose of COVID-19 vaccine or what is commonly known as a "booster shot".

Adopted,

HON. RODOLFO “OMPONG” M. ORDANES