Honorable Members House of Representatives 20th Congress, Philippines

Dear Voice of the People,

Greetings to all and may our Good Lord Bless You in leading our country.

"In the name of the Filipino people... We speak now, ... because it is necessary. The House will not bow in silence," declared by the Hon. House Speaker. Neither do we, the people. We are the sovereign and all government authority emanates from us, as declared by our 1987 Constitution. We assert our sovereignty in this complaint.

There are 317 of you **wilfully elected by us**, the Filipino people. Whereas, there are only 15 **elected by no one** sitting in the Supreme Court. Yet, Congress who by democratic design wields the constitutional parliamentary supremacy is being **bullied to submission by democratically illegitimate Supreme Court** by its self-conferred presumptuous forced reading of expanded judicial review. There is no such thing as judicial supremacy. That is the phrase invented by bullies.

In reaction to the Senate's 19-4 votes archiving the impeachment case against VP Sara Duterte, Kiko Dee ranted in a public protest against all three branches of government sans the House: "dapat magalit ang taumbayan". And we are. Livid. Very.

We express this public outrage through the attached *Impeachment Complaint* against all 15 Justices of the Supreme Court. While it is already final, it is not yet verified as we shall do the personal verification in the Halls of Congress when at least one of you is amenable to endorsing our complaint as we do not think any notary public would notarize our complaint for obvious reasons.

Quite frankly, the House could have simply defied the Supreme Court's *Duterte Decision* instead of filing a *Motion for Reconsideration*. Better yet, the House could have initiated the impeachment themselves straight away against the sitting appointees **encroaching and overreaching on the constitutional powers vested in the House and the Senate**. You cannot be more literal than crystal-clear dictionary meaning of "sole" and "exclusive". Despite these powers, Congress was still muted in response with the MR and the archiving. This response to the Supreme Court is deferential to a fault – a psychological defect borne out of centuries of subservience to the colonizers. Hilbay said the Senate does not understand its powers, surrendered its prerogative,

suffering from identity crisis, meek and weak disguised as wisdom and humility.

Truthfully, we copy our laws from our colonizer Americans who copy from England where all laws began. **But we are original in our abuses, particularly the judiciary.** Take for example, the powers of expanded judicial review and contempt. These are self-conferred not inherent at all despite their claim to contrary. And when you are not democratically chosen, you abuse it, quite naturally, without regard to public accountability because you get into the position without the consciousness of persuading us to elect you and the solemn promise of honoring the public trust.

We, through Congress, impeached and convicted one of their kind in 2011 over a solitary fact: failure to file a complete SALN and we did not even prove that his wealth was ill-gotten from public money. In the scheme of impeachable conduct, this is SG1. Whereas, encroaching and overreaching is SG33, even with a hefty bonus the misconduct being wilful abuses of power to boot. In everyday lives of Filipinos, SALN is simply trivial. Whereas, an abusive judiciary is, among vast many ills, being lived with deprivation of liberty (eg court offices imprison on identical first/last names only without due process, weekend/holiday not counting to Article 125 time limit, juvenile night curfews, Judge Ibay's notoriety in imprisoning those who use his parking spot baby-touched with OCA-recommended P5k fine on 4th contempt).

Over these abuses, the Supreme Court justices and their judges thrive with impunity. Self-proclaiming to the public that the people regard them as "gods", drunk in their abuse of power, they make laws through their unquestioned judicial activism and creativity culminating in their claim to judicial supremacy.

With their unanimous acts, the 15 Justices are impeachable as though they are only one person whose misconduct is 15x more serious – so it is not a big deal to impeach them all. Lozada of the infamous NBE-ZTL corrupt deal said that evil in our country can only be defeated with wars, invasion and dictatorship.

Our *Impeachment Complaint* is based on the MRs by the House and intervenors, even VP's comment to them as well as **public outcries** from all corners of our society: exjustices, priests, political analysts, human rights activists, civic and business groups, media and ordinary Filipinos. We ask that at least one of you will have the "balls" of integrity and courage to remove the appointees sitting in the Supreme Court in defense of the Filipino people. Let us not wait for a war, an invasion or a dictator.