

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

**NINETEENTH CONGRESS**  
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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 305**



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Introduced by Honorable Representatives  
**ARLENE D. BROSAS (Gabriela Women's Party);**  
**FRANCE L. CASTRO (ACT Teachers Partylist);**  
and **RAOUL DANNIEL A. MANUEL (Kabataan Partylist)**

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**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE DEPORTATION OF  
MIGRANTE CANADA CHAIRPERSON DANILO DE LEON FROM ALBERTA, CANADA, AND  
URGING THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE HIS SAFETY AND SECURITY  
ONCE HE ARRIVES IN THE COUNTRY**

**WHEREAS**, Danilo de Leon, chairperson of Filipino migrants' group Migrante – Canada and former temporary worker, is facing deportation on August 29, 2022 after an exclusion order served for him in 2018 became enforceable;

**WHEREAS**, since his arrival in Alberta, Canada in February 2009, De Leon worked as a janitor for Bee Clean, a janitorial services contractor for the University of Alberta;

**WHEREAS**, De Leon helped organize the "Justice for Janitors" campaign in his worksite at the University of Alberta and helped to successfully form a union which fought for their rights as workers;

**WHEREAS**, De Leon and his fellow workers complained of unfair labor practice stemming from unpaid overtime hours and eventually won against their employer;

**WHEREAS**, since then he has become involved in migrant rights advocacy, helping migrant workers know their rights and supporting causes to uplift their welfare;

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, he lost his status when his application for the restoration and extension of his open work permit was refused when his temporary resident visa lapsed;

**WHEREAS**, De Leon, who has two children, received a new open work permit in October 2020 and immediately worked two jobs to support his family;

**WHEREAS**, De Leon has spearheaded various campaigns of Migrante Canada, including the campaign to highlight the need for the regularization of undocumented immigrants in Canada;

**WHEREAS**, he has represented Migrante Canada in local, national, and international initiatives advocating for the rights and welfare of Filipino migrants;

**WHEREAS**, there are reasonable grounds to fear for De Leon's safety and security once he returns to the Philippines, as the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) has openly red-tagged and terror-tagged Migrante and its leaders overseas through its seminars abroad and Facebook pages;

**WHEREAS**, De Leon could face political persecution and harassment for his unwavering beliefs and advocacy for Filipino migrants' rights and welfare once he returns to the Philippines, especially with the NTF-ELCAC active and Executive Order No. 70 in place;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives express its grave concern over the deportation of Migrante Canada Chairperson De Leon from Alberta, Canada, and urge the Philippine government to ensure his safety and security once he arrives in the country.

Adopted,

  
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