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Four generations ago, my great grandfather witnessed the day of independence from colonial masters which our great young heroes fought for. Together with all the natives of the archipelago, he celebrated the birth by divine providence of our nation. Lest we forget the noble ideals of these young patriots, we must look at the very first Constitution they wrote in 1899. They laid down for the new nation the foundation for a just society dedicated to the ideals of liberty.

The first principle for good governance they wrote was the separation of powers of the three branches of government, distinct, “namely, the legislative, the executive, and the judicial. Any two or more of these three powers shall never be united in one person or cooperation, nor the legislative power vested in one single individual.” This same principle was re-established, with much details, in the 1987 Constitution.

The principle of separated powers is a biblical principle: 1 John 5:7 says “For there are 3 that bear record in heaven, the Father (Executive), the Word (Legislative) and the Holy Ghost (judicial), and these three are one”. Thus, establishing the principle of three independent and separate powers, governing as one. As a

theologian once echoed, “Gods word applies to all men, at all times and to any Government.”

Separating the functions of the appropriator and the implementor, it reflected the desire of our heroes to protect people from centralized power and control.

Today, our nation is faced with multiple breaches of this fundamental principle. Politicians violate the principles of separated powers, of checks and balances, and of accountability, transparency and honesty in the highest order. Yearly, they appropriate and implement among themselves (from the executive and legislative branches) amounts in hundreds of billion pesos only the the world grand larcenists can ever dream of.

Our leaders of today have created a government that enslaves the “bosses” they vowed to serve; and through legislation and policy-regulation, **in circumvention of constitutional provisions**, have applied the principles of slavery, inequality and patronage for their “chosens”.

The liberties that Rizal, Bonifacio, Mabini, and Aguinaldo dreamed and fought for are no longer the liberties the young enjoy. Our leaders have re-created the very social order our young heroes repulsed, onnly this time with Filipino masters called **Political Clans**. They perpetuate themselves in power through lump sum appropriation called **The Pork Barrel System** beyond scrutiny.

Why does government enslaved their masters through excessive taxes and harsh policies, then coercively demands “payment” from people’s hard earned money? Politicians “redistribute wealth” yet exploit poverty through dole outs, treating the poor like pets, controlling them through tax money. **This is no longer the society our young heroes fought for.**

Today, the Presidential social funds, Malampaya funds, so called special purpose funds, and off budget collections no longer considered as revenues for the National Treasury, but funds that go directly to the office of the President, by-passing the process of appropriations but goes into the Pork Barrel of the Executive. Furthermore, the 1899 consitution provided that ALL government incomes and collections shall be part of government appropriation. Therefore, under scrutiny of congress and should never be assigned to the discretion of one man and one office, not even if he is a saint.

For these reasons of culpable violations of the constitution, the petitioners question the PORK BARREL SYSTEM, lump sum appropriations, in all its names and forms whether PDAF, DAP,PSF etc.

With official evidences, whistle blowers on the news and TV, that exposed the stupendous system of corruption through “pork barreling”, they prove the direct link and systematic collusion of the appropriator and the implementor to circumvent the fundamental law of the Land. Therefore, we come to the Most Honorable Supreme Court for relief.

What we shall say today will mean little compared to what our young heroes has already done. But it is our duty today to remember the foundations they have laid with sweat and blood through the constitution they wrote, to remind us of the direction we are to take, to help us build a stronger nation for our generation and prepare our children for the next. In our hearts is a renewed aspiration to be a nation under God, who implores the aid of the Sovereign Legislator, to insure the benefits of liberty.

Indeed, our young heroes’ “dream society” they fought for, is the “dream society” we are fighting for.