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**Privilege Speech of
Representative Leah S. Paquiz entitled,
“A CALL TO RECLAIM PUBLIC HEALTH CARE SERVICES”**

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES is a RIGHT guaranteed by the Constitution. As such, the **responsibility and accountability** to its promotion and protection is upon the government. To place the aforementioned state guarantee in the hands of the **private sector**, whose primary purpose is to **make profit**, will hinder the public from receiving the kind of health care it rightfully deserves;

Health is NOT FOR SALE. It is dependent on the quality of care as much as the specific health care intervention. Public Health Services is a SOCIAL SERVICE, thus, **imbued with public interest** that our government should be the **primary movers** toward the **delivery** of health care services down to the **littlest Filipino**;

ANG NARS condemns the corporatization, modernization or privatization of Public Health Services, its infrastructures, health human resource, operation and maintenance: or any nomenclature denoted by the government to disenfranchise millions of Filipinos from **accessible, affordable and available** public health services;

ANG NARS challenges the health care **marketization and privatization** aggressively pursued under the guise of health sector reform; and,

ANG NARS moves for the RENATIONALIZATION of public health services in order to have a strong, accountable, comprehensive, responsive, effective and democratic health care delivery system.