



Joint Statement on Political Dynasties and House Bill No. 6771

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The absence of an effective Anti-Dynasty Law has allowed political power to be concentrated in a handful of influential families, fostering corruption, perpetuating inequality and poverty, and marginalizing ordinary citizens. Yet, more than three decades since the 1987 Constitution was adopted, Congress has yet to enact a genuine Anti-Political Dynasty Law.

We acknowledge the existence of House Bill No. 6771, but in its current form, it falls far short of the Constitution's clear intent. HB 6771 permits succession, switching, substitution, and rotation among relatives, enabling family members to occupy elective positions across levels of government and across election cycles, effectively preserving monopoly over political power. In reality, HB 6771 is a pro-dynasty measure.

Political dynasties are not merely a question of family participation in politics; they are an institutional problem. Their influence extends far beyond government: many dynasties also dominate local economies through franchises, personal business and the favored granting of permits, tightening their grip on both political and economic life. Public office is not a family inheritance—it is a public trust bestowed by the people and exercised for the common good.

Following consultation and focused discussions among businesses, civil society and other justice reform stakeholders, we believe a truly effective Anti-Political Dynasty Law must include clear and enforceable provisions that:

- Prohibit relatives within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity from running or simultaneously or consecutively holding elective office, in order to uphold the "one local, one national" representation principle, to limit family dominance. Provided, however, that if no relative is serving or seeking office at the national level, up to two

relatives may hold or seek local elective positions, provided further that their respective jurisdictions shall not overlap.

- Explicitly prohibit substitution, rotation, and position-switching among prohibited relatives to circumvent term limits; and
- Establish a mandatory cooling-off period equal to one full electoral cycle for both term-limited officials and their relatives, preventing them from immediately seeking the same position in successive elections. This cooling-off period stops perpetual family succession while still permitting qualified individuals to run for other offices, adhering to the “one local, one national” representation principle.

Should Congress continue to fail in passing a genuine Anti-Dynasty Law, we call on the public to exercise their constitutional right to enact legislation through a People’s Initiative. Thanks to the Philippine Identification System (R.A. No. 11055), this process can now be conducted digitally, using unique QR codes, biometrics, and specimen signatures to authenticate voter identity securely.

Ultimately, the battle against political dynasties is a battle against corruption itself. For our nation to finally break free from the bondage of corruption, political dynasties should no longer thrive. Merit, not lineage, must determine who serves the Filipino people.

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2. Advocates for National Interest (ANI)
3. Alyansa ng Nagkakaisang Mamamayan (ANIM)
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5. Bukluran ng Mangagawang Pilipino (BMP)
6. Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP)
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