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**REPRESENTATIVE FREDERICK "ERICK" F. ABUEG**

Chairperson

Committee on Social Services

House of Representatives

Constitution Hills, Quezon City

Dear **Chairperson Abueg**:

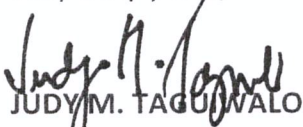
This refers to the request of your Committee for our Department's official position on House Bill No. 135 or An Act Providing for the Establishment of Crematories in Every Legislative District of the Country, under the Supervision of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Providing Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes" filed by Representatives Rodel M. Batocabe, Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr. and Christopher S. Co.

While we see the noble intent of the authors to make burial services accessible to our people, we are posing our reservation to manage, operate and maintain the crematories to be established primarily because this is not within our mandate.

We believe that the Department of Health (DOH) is in a better position to handle these facilities in coordination with the Local Government Units (LGUs).

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
JUDY M. TAGUVALDO  
Secretary