

HONORABLE IMEE MARCOS

Chairperson Committee on Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development Senate of the Philippines Pasay City

Dear Senator MARCOS,

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) supports **Senate P.S.** Resolution No. 351 or the "Resolution Directing the Senate Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development to Conduct an Inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, into the Welfare Responses of the Government to Inflation and Soaring Food Prices", introduced by Senator Imee Marcos.

The resolution's aim to increase the level of assistance given to combat inflation would be helpful to the public, especially those in the disadvantaged sector especially during this time of the pandemic.

The DSWD through its programs and services, such as the KALAHI-CIDSS Program, and Crisis Intervention Program shall continue to provide assistance to communities, families, and individuals in order to help them cope with the rising cost of prices of basic commodities.

In this connection, the DSWD respectfully recommends to determine how the increasing trend of oil prices adversely affects inflation and soaring food prices.

This is being submitted for the Chairperson's consideration.

Very truly yours,

EDUARDO M. PÚŇAY

OIC, Secretary Date: 31 JAN 2023

