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HONORABLE GRACE POE

Chairman

Committee on Public Information

And Mass Media

Senate

Pasay City

Dear Senator Poe:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) fully supports the passage of the Senate Bill No. 2117, entitled: "An Act Requiring The Use of Filipino Sign Language Insets For Local News Programs, Amending For The Purpose Section 22 Of Republic Act No. 7277, As amended, Otherwise Known As The Magna Carta For Persons With Disabilities (PWDs)," authored by Senator Paolo Benigno A. Aquino IV.

We communicated to your Committee on March 21, 2014 our support to similar bill from the House of Representatives, HBN 1214 authored by Representatives Rufus B. Rodriguez, et. al. which was approved on Third Reading at the House of Representatives on February 3, 2014 and transmitted to the Senate and referred to your Committee on February 4, 2014.

We would like to reiterate that the bill once enacted into law would increase PWDs' access to information and communication. This is also in agreement with the UN convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability to which the Republic of the Philippines is a signatory.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


CORAZON JULIANO-SOLIMAN
Secretary