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Dear Undersecretary Acosta,

The Department of Social Welfare and Development strongly supports the passage into law of the consolidated enrolled bill, House Bill No. 8908 and Senate Bill No. 1819, entitled: "An Act Establishing the Office for Social Welfare Attache, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 8042, Otherwise Known as the 'Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995,' As Amended, And For Other Purposes."

Under the said measure, the DSWD is mandated to deploy Social Welfare Attaches in countries with large concentration of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) who will provide adequate and timely social, economic and legal services to Filipino migrant workers especially for workers who are vulnerable to physical, emotional and psychological stress or abuse.

The same has been one of our Priority Legislation items since the 15th Congress.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary