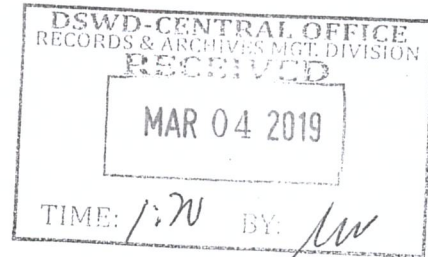




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**SENATOR SONNY ANGARA**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Local Government  
Senate of the Philippines  
Pasay City



Dear **Senator Angara**:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development submits its comments and recommendations on Senate Bill No. 800, entitled: "An Act Providing Social Security Benefits for Barangay Officials and Volunteer Workers, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purpose," that seeks to improve the welfare of barangay officials and volunteer workers by providing them with social security benefits.

However, may we suggest that a provision be included granting a comprehensive "benefits package" for barangay officials and volunteer workers such as enrollment to GSIS, PAG-IBIG, PhilHealth and an accredited Health Maintenance Organization in support to their medical needs. Inclusion for provision of fixed salary, hazard pay and other benefits as a way of professionalizing and giving dignity to their work, may be provided. Moreover, it would be necessary to establish an efficient system for effective fiscal planning and additional manpower to ensure an effective implementation of this law.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
**ROLANDO JOSELITO D. BAUTISTA**  
Secretary