



24 April 2019

**Undersecretary ANTONIO A. GALLARDO**  
Presidential Legislative Liaison Office – Senate  
Senate of the Philippines  
Pasay City

**Dear Undersecretary Gallardo,**

This refers to your letter dated 4 March 2019 requesting for comments on Senate Bill No. 2195 or the Community Service Act.

May we inform you that the following DSWD recommendations were adopted in SBN 2195:

*Specify the number of hours to be rendered by the person who committed the offense as well as the period within which to complete the service;*

*Specify whether the concerned Barangay Captain or the designated Probation Officer shall supervise the community service; and*

*Identify which agency shall be responsible for the rehabilitative counseling. The DSWD suggested that this should be done by the Local Social Welfare and Development Offices in view of the devolution of basic services provided under Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code.*

These were articulated in our position paper to the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights on 24 May 2017, copy attached for reference.

Very truly yours,

  
**ROLANDO JOSELITO D. BAUTISTA**  
Secretary