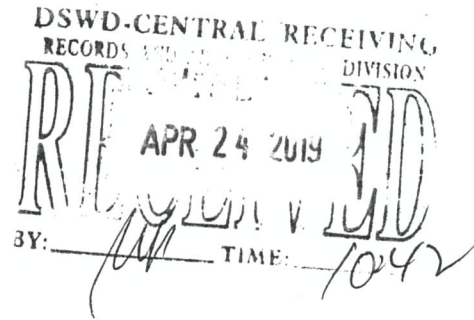


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Dear Undersecretary Acosta,

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports the consolidated enrolled bill, Senate Bill No. 1558/House Bill No. 8794, entitled: "Act Defining Gender-Based Sexual Harassment in Streets, Public Spaces, Online, Workplaces, and Educational or Training Institutions, Providing Protective Measures and Prescribing Penalties Therefor." The said bill seeks to protect individuals from harassments committed in streets, public spaces and online thru the aid of Information and Communications Technology. It supplements the existing Anti-Sexual Harassment Act which primarily focuses on education, training and employment institutions.

It may be noteworthy that the following DSWD's comments and recommendations were adopted:

Cover the uploading and sharing of audio recordings and videos identifiable with the individual being harassed as found on *Section 3. Definition of Terms, letter e. Gender-Based Sexual Harassment.*

Include other recreational spaces, e.g. cinema halls, theaters and spas as well as private vehicles covered by App-Based Transport Network Services as found on *the same Section, letter g. Public Spaces.*

Mandates the LGUs to provide measures (formulate and implement programs) to prevent street, public space and online sexual harassment and to create an anti-sexual harassment hotline as found on *Section 8. Duties of Local Government Units (LGUs).*

Include the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in the formulation of educational modules as found on *Section 33. Educational Modules and Awareness Campaigns.*

Incorporate a Section for Appropriations to support the implementation of the Act as found on *Section 35. Appropriations.*

Very truly yours,


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Secretary