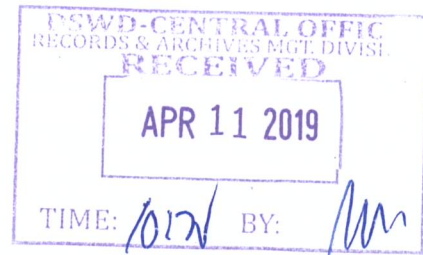


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**Assistant Secretary ORVILLE A. BALLITOC**  
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**Dear Assistant Secretary Orville,**

We wish to furnish you a copy of the DSWD position paper on Senate Bill No. 1418, as substituted by Senate Bill No. 2200, entitled: "Emergency Volunteer Protection Act of 2019," for reference.

It may be noteworthy to mention that the Substitute Bill adopted the recommendations of the DSWD, particularly on the following provisions:

Section 8. Accreditation of Volunteers. The exercise with due diligence in the recruitment/screening of volunteers through the accreditation of volunteers

Section 9. Nationwide Public Information Campaign. The production and distribution of information and education campaign materials may be considered as one of the tools in the conduct of nationwide public information campaign.

The Department poses no objection on the expanded definition of "volunteer" provided under the Substitute Bill.

Very truly yours,

  
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Secretary