



September 10, 2019

Undersecretary RYAN L. ESTEVEZ
Presidential Legislative Assistant for PLLO-HOR
House of Representatives
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

Dear **Undersecretary Estevez:**

Thank you for bringing to our attention the status of House Bill Nos. 2317, 2547, 2850, 3274 and 3637 and Senate Bill Nos. 92, 202, 461 and 593, which seek to create the Department of Overseas Filipinos.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) supports the proposed measure in relation to Senate Bill No. 141 entitled: "Department of Migration and Development Act of 2019", introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar, which seeks to have an exclusive function to protect the welfare and enforce the rights of the Filipinos overseas.

Further, it also mandates the transfer of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, and other related agencies that deals with Overseas Filipino Workers as attached agencies including the newly enacted Social Welfare Attaché Office under the DSWD per Republic Act No. 11299, which was approved by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on April 17, 2019.

Attached is the copy of DSWD's Official Position Paper on Senate Bill No. 141, which was received by the Senate Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development on September 5, 2019 for reference.

Please be assured of our active participation in the deliberations of various bills in both House of Congress.

Very truly yours,


ROLANDO JOSELITO D. BAUTISTA
Secretary
Date: _____

Enclosure: As stated

