

September 26, 2019

**Honorable MARIO VITTORIO "MARVEY" A. MARIÑO**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Government Reorganization  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City

**Dear Representative Mariño:**

In line with the President's Legislative Agenda for the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress, the Department of Social Welfare and Development subscribes to House Bill No. 526 entitled: "An Act Creating the Department of Migration and Development, Defining its Powers and Functions, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes," authored by Representative Michael Edgar Y. Aglipay.

The bill seeks to create the Department of Migration and Development which will have the exclusive function of essentially protecting the welfare and enforcing the rights of the Filipinos overseas. It also mandates the transfer of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration and other related agencies that deals with Overseas Filipino Workers as attached agencies including the newly enacted Social Welfare Attache Office under RA 11299 of which the Honorable Senator has sponsored. We suggest to institute safeguards in the bill to protect personnel that may be affected by its implementation.

Very truly yours,



**ROLANDO JOSELITO D. BAUTISTA**  
Secretary