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Department of Social Welfare and Development

Honorable PANFILO M. LACSON
Chairperson
Special Committee on National Defense and Security   R⦿VD FEB21'20PM3:01
Peace, Unification and Reconciliation
Senate of the Philippines
Pasay City

Dear **Senator Lacson:**

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) **fully supports** the creation of the **Department of Disaster Resilience (DDR)** pursuant to its mandate to promote the rights and protect the welfare of the poor, vulnerable, marginalized, and disadvantaged sectors of society.

We believe that it will achieve the DSWD's mandate under Republic Act No. 10121 or the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010" through the creation of Regional Disaster Resilience Offices and Response Hubs devoted to the implementation of mandatory disaster preparedness and response management programs and manage the Disaster Quick Response Funds to promptly respond to the needs of families or individuals affected by disasters and calamities.

Furthermore, the bill responds to the State's policy on the protection of life, liberty and property, and promotion of the general welfare as it addresses full responsibility and clear accountability in the overall disaster risk management. In short, the institutionalization of this Department is a strategy in scaling up the government's capacity to respond to natural disasters.

Moreover, the DSWD poses no objection to transfer the **Disaster Response Management Bureau** and the **National Response and Logistics Management Bureau** with the recommendation to guarantee the absorption of all existing personnel of the two Bureaus without prejudice to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations on the merit and fitness in the appointment of personnel. The creation of the DDR shall contribute towards the resolution of temporary employment in the Department since all staff doing disaster response activities are under Memorandum of Agreement and Job Order.

Very truly yours,

ROLANDO JOSELITO D. BAUTISTA
Secretary
Date: _____ FEB 17 2020 _____