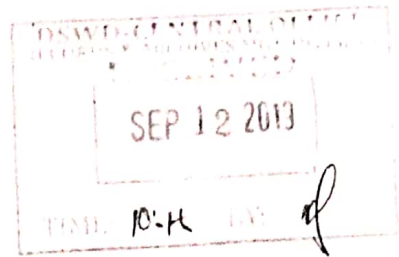




September 5, 2019

Honorable AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III  
Chairperson  
Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship  
Senate of the Philippines  
Pasay City



Dear Senator Pimentel:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports the passage into law of Senate Bill No. 609 or "The People's Participation in Industry Cluster-Based Programs and Projects Act" authored by Senator Joel Villanueva as it will strengthen participation and cooperation among Local Government Units, Civil Society Organizations and business groups towards local development in enhancing local productivity and guarantee income opportunities for all.

To contribute to the bill's enhancement, we are recommending the following:

**1. Section 4. Definition of Terms**


To include definitions for the terms "accreditation", "civil society organizations" and "business groups" for purposes of clarity and consistency.

**2. Section 17. Implementing Rules and Regulations**

Include the representation of CSOs and business groups catering to industry development projects in the crafting Committee for the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Act.

For the Committee's consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
**ROLANDO JOSELITO D. BAUTISTA**  
Secretary  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_