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September 18, 2019

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Honorable CYNTHIA A. VILLAR
Chairperson
Committee on Agriculture and Food
Senate of the Philippines
Pasay City

Dear Senator Villar:

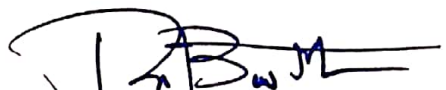
The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) supports Senate Resolution Nos. 36, 39, 57, and 70 entitled: **"Resolution Directing the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Food to Conduct an Inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, on the Impact of Republic Act No. 11203 or the Rice Tariffication Act on Rice Farmers and the Local Rice Industry"**, introduced by Senator Francis Pangilinan, the Chairperson, Senators Ralph Recto, and Riza Hontiveros respectively.

We believe that these Resolutions seek to protect the interest and welfare of Filipino rice farmers and consumers. Also, it ensure to increase the production and marketing of local rice produce to support our farmers and agricultural sectors. Further, the proposal of the Chairperson is more comprehensive which ensures funds are allocated for the said purpose.

We are also pleased to share with the Chairperson a DVD with the list of small farmers'/farmers associations provided with program modalities by Sustainable Livelihood Program from CY 2015 to CY 2019 as of July 2019. The list was requested by Atty. Philip M. Lina, Legislative Committee Secretary on the Committee on Agriculture and Food dated 29 August 2019.

For the Committee's consideration.

Very truly yours,



ROLANDO JOSELITO D. BAUTISTA
Secretary
Date: _____

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