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Representative SOL ARAGONES
Chairperson
Committee on Population and Family Relations
House of Representatives
Quezon City

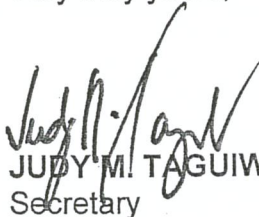
Dear Representative Aragoness,

The Department of Social Welfare and Development respectfully submits its comments on House Bill No. 809 entitled, "An Act Providing For Free Legal Assistance For Senior Citizens, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 7432, As Amended By Republic Act No. 9994, Otherwise Known As 'An Act To Maximize the Contribution Of Senior Citizens To Nation Building, Grant Benefits And Special Privileges And For Other Purposes'":

1. Prioritize indigent senior citizens.
2. Reiterate the Public Attorney's Office (PAO) mandate to provide free legal services to poor litigants.
3. Consult the Integrated Bar of the Philippines regarding the crimes which are covered / not covered by the bill.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


JUDY M. TAGUIWALO
Secretary

