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**HON. RYAN ALVIN R. ACOSTA**  
Acting Deputy Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs  
Office of the Department Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs  
Office of the President  
Malacañang, Manila

Dear Deputy Executive Secretary Acosta:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development fully supports the enactment into law of the consolidated enrolled bill SB No. 1304/HB No. 5633, entitled: *"An Act Promoting Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education by Providing for Free Tuition and Other School Fees in State Universities and Colleges, Local Universities and Colleges and State-Run Technical-Vocational Institutions, Establishing the Tertiary Education Subsidy and Student Loan Program, Strengthening the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education, and Appropriating Funds Thereof"* or the **"Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act"**, as it provide all Filipinos with equal opportunity to quality tertiary education in both the private and public educational institutions. Also, give priority to students who are part of the **Listahanan 2** or the **National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR)**.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
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