



02 October 2017

Representative JESUS N. SACDALAN

Chairperson

Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization

House of Representatives

Quezon City

Dear Representative Sacdalan:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports House Bill No. 1189 or "An Act Implementing the Mindanao River Basin Rehabilitation and Development Program, Creating for this Purpose the Mindanao River Basin Development Authority (MRBDA), Defining its Powers and Functions, and Providing Funds Therefore and for Other Purposes."

MRBDA's mandate to provide overall planning, management and coordinative services needed in the rehabilitation and development of major rivers in Mindanao will further strengthen the existing Mindanao Development Authority (MDA),

May we also suggest that a Technical Working Group composed of representatives from various government, non-government and private agencies be organized to address the different sectoral concerns related to the rehabilitation and development of the Mindanao River including the appropriation of necessary funds.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emmanuel A. Leyco', is written over a white background.

EMMANUEL A. LEYCO

Officer-In-Charge