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ATTY. RODELIO T. DASCIL, MNSA

Director General Senate Tax Study and Research Office Philippine Senate Pasay City

Dear Atty. Dascil:

We acknowledged receipt of your letter dated June 3, 2014 requesting the DSWD position paper on Senate Bill Nos. 2002, 2003 and 2004 on granting tax exemption to donors and tax deduction to victims of calamities.

The Department supports the intention of the bills. However, it is our humble opinion to review and to carefully study the government's policy in granting (additional) tax exemptions especially if under existing laws, tax exemptions are already allowed to donors (individuals/corporations) and the granting of tax deductions to victims of calamities as well.

We believe that the Department of Finance and the Bureau of Internal Revenue are in a better position to share their thoughts on these proposed measures as well as pertinent data on donors granted with tax exemptions.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

CORAZON JULIANO-SOLIMAN

Secretary