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**UNDERSECRETARY ANTONIO A. GALLARDO**  
Presidential Legislative Liaison Office  
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Dear **Undersecretary Gallardo**:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports Senate Bill No. 1393 which seeks to amend Republic Act 7279 or the "Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992" to prioritize on-site, in-city or near-city relocation/resettlement for would-be displaced informal settler families (ISFs).

To contribute to the bill's enhancement, we are recommending the following:

1. **Under Section 2 – Amendatory Provisions:**

a. **Under letter (b):**

- i. Identify the responsible national government agencies to capacitate the beneficiaries and provide the necessary livelihood assistance.
- ii. Explore the possibility of the socialized housing or resettlement areas having plots of land allotted for livelihood centers and/or common service facilities for people's livelihood.

b. **Under letter (c), 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph: Rephrase into:**

*"The association, in coordination with the PCUP with or without the support of CSOs, shall formulate a 'People's Plan' **GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZING AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD** through a process of consultation which shall contain a site development plan, including non-physical development components such as self-help housing cooperative, livelihood, self-help development, and capability-building trainings. "*

We would like to assure the committee that the Department is always willing to respond to the needs of the informal settler families that will be affected as long as they qualify with the existing eligibility requirements of our programs and services.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Undersecretary and Officer-in-Charge