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HON. JESUS N. SACDALAN

Chairperson

Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization

House of Representatives

Constitution Hills, Quezon City

Dear Congressman Sacdalan,

The Department of Social Welfare and Development expresses its opposition on Section 15 of the house bill entitled, "**An Act Strengthening the National Food Authority and Appropriating Funds Therefor,**" wherein it mandates the Department to provide funds for the National Food Authority (NFA) that will cover the price difference between the prevailing commercial market price and the DSWD's desired price for the pro-poor programs of the government.

We strongly believe that the proper government agency which should resolve the price difference for the pro-poor programs of the government is the Department of Agriculture (DA) because the DA is the lead agency which has supervision over the rice supply. The Department merely purchases rice from the NFA for our disaster relief operation and requirement of our clients under residential facilities and not for the whole pro-poor program of the government.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


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