



Department of Social Welfare and Development
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HONORABLE MAXIMO Y. DALOG, JR.
Chairperson
Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms
House of Representatives
Quezon City

Dear **Representative DALOG**,

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) supports the Bills providing for the early voting of senior citizens, and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) under **House Bill Nos. 120** (Rep. Juliet Marie De Leon Ferrer), **1664** (Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez), **2543** (Rep. Keith Micah "Atty. Mike" D.L. Tan), **2812** (Reps. Horacio P. Suansing, Jr. and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing), and **3474** (Rep. Rodolfo M. Ordanes).

However, we believe that **Republic Act No. 10366** entitled, "An Act Authorizing the Commission on Elections to Establish Precincts Assigned to Accessible Polling Places Exclusively for Persons with Disabilities and Senior Citizens" already ensures that senior citizens and persons with disabilities are able to exercise their suffrage without restrictions. Section 9 (Creation of Precincts for Persons with Disabilities and Senior Citizens) of the law authorizes the COMELEC to establish precincts of a non-territorial nature, exclusively for persons with disabilities and senior citizens.

We are pleased to inform the Honorable Chairperson Dalog that the DSWD's official Position Paper on **House Bill Nos. 4545** and **4546**, authored by Representative Gabriel Luis R. Quisumbing in the 16th Congress was submitted to the Committee in June 2014.

Attached is a copy of the DSWD's official Position Paper during the 16th Congress, for information and reference.

This is being submitted for the Chairperson's consideration.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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