

**HONORABLE ROSANNA “RIA” V. VERGARA**

Chairperson  
Committee on Social Services  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City

Dear Representative **VERGARA**:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) supports **House Bill No. 1328** entitled, “An Act Establishing a Comprehensive System for Registration and Licensing of Social Welfare and Development Agencies and Accreditation of Social Welfare and Development Programs and Services, and Appropriation Funds Therefor” or the “**Social Welfare and Development Agencies Act**”, authored by Rep. Felimon M. Espares. The said measure is one of the DSWD’s Priority Legislation in the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress.

In this connection, the DSWD respectfully reiterates our request for support to the immediate enactment of the Bill that seeks to strengthen the DSWD’s regulatory functions over public and private individuals, agencies and organizations engaged in social welfare and development activities. The DSWD submitted to the Committee on 26 August 2022 its request to consider the DSWD’s enhanced bill, hereto attached, which is the result of a series of workshop consultations with the DSWD-NCR, Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao Clusters and the Regional Area-Based Standards Network (ABSNET) representatives. ABSNET is composed of Regional Social Welfare and Development Agencies.

We hope this will be accorded with due consideration of the Committee.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
**ERWIN T. TULFO**  
Secretary  
Date: 03 OCT 2022

**CF: Rep. Felimon M. Espares**  
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