

**HONORABLE MICHAEL L. ROMERO**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Poverty Alleviation  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City

Dear **Representative ROMERO**:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) **fully supports the passage of House Bill Nos. 443, 500, 1910, 3008 and 3458** or the “**Community-Driven Development (CDD) Approach Institutionalization Act**”, authored by Representatives Maximo Dalog Jr., Edvic Yap, Eric Yap, Paolo Duterte, Jeffrey Soriano, Lianda Bolilia, Rufus Rodriguez, and Manuel Fortes, which seek to institutionalize the Community-Driven Development approach as a national strategy for inclusive growth and social protection.

We are pleased to inform the Honorable Chairperson that these bills is one of the DSWD’s Priority Legislation in the 19th Congress. The institutionalization of the CDD approach will ensure inclusive growth and social protection and perpetuate the gains of CDD in local development and nation-building.

The Department respectfully recommends for the consolidation of the five (5) bills into one and the provisions stipulated under HBN 3458 be adopted, as it reflects the administration bill version of the DSWD.

Further, the DSWD is recommending that **Sections 11 to 16 of HBNs 443, 500 and 1910 be removed** as the provisions creating the CDD Knowledge Resource Institute are no longer being pursued by the Department.

This is being submitted for the Chairperson’s consideration.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
**ERWIN T. TULFO**  
Secretary

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