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Chairperson

Committee on Housing and Urban Development

3rd Floor RMV Bldg.

House of Representatives

Constitution Hills, Quezon City

Dear Hon. Benitez,

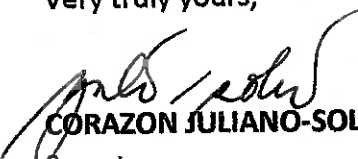
The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports the passage of House Bill No. 3975, entitled "**An Act Establishing an On-Site, In-City or Near City Policy in the Provision of Resettlement Sites for Informal Settler Families in Accordance with the People's Plan, Amending R.A. No. 7279,**" introduced by Representatives Gutierrez III and Bello. However, please consider the following recommendations for the improvement of the proposed bill:

1. **On Section 3, Definition of 'People's Plan,'** while government participation is not prohibited under this section, we strongly propose for the active participation of the government thru the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP), in creating the People's Plan. One of PCUP's mandate is to set up a consultative mechanism which shall provide a forum for continuing dialogue between the government and the urban poor on the proper planning and evaluation of programs and projects affecting them.
2. **On Section 5, Implementation of the People's Plan,** as a substitute for DSWD, the concerned provincial, city or municipal Social Welfare and Development Offices of the local government units should be the one assisting the beneficiaries in implementing the People's Plan since they are the direct provider of social services under the 1991 Local Government Code.

We hope that these suggestions will be prudently analysed for the enhancement of the proposed legislative measure.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


CORAZON JULIANO-SOLIMAN
Secretary