



11 July 2017

Representative LEO RAFAEL M. CUEVA

Chairperson
Special Committee on Food Security
House of Representatives
Quezon City

Dear **Representative Cueva**:

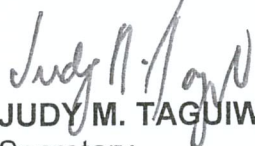
The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports the intent of House Bill No. 5746 that seeks to provide a system of redistributing and recycling food waste to promote food security.

However, may we inform the Chairperson that there is already an existing law on donating food surplus which is Republic Act No. 9803, otherwise known as "An Act to Encourage the Donation of Food for Charitable Purposes," signed on November 25, 2009. Its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) was also approved and adopted on May 17, 2010.

On this, may we recommend that House Bill No. 5746 focus on the management of food waste specifically its segregation for recycling into fertilizer or compost. The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) has an on-going implementation on this as the organization in-charge of highly perishable foods defined by law as "food and beverages that will spoil or deteriorate easily such as raw fruits and vegetables, fresh meat, frozen and chilled fish and fishery/aquatic products, cooked food and other processed products that require special storage as refrigeration and/or freezing."

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


JUDY M. TAGUIWALO
Secretary