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HONORABLE MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY

Chairperson

Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Senate of the Philippines

Pasay City

Dear **Honorable Senator Binay**:

This has reference to the request of the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development for our Department's official position on Senate Bill No. 37 or "An Act Providing for a Magna Carta of the Poor" authored by Senator Antonio Trillanes IV.

In line with this, we wish to inform the Honorable Senator that DSWD, as Chair of the Human Development and Poverty Reduction (HDPR) Cluster, was tasked by President Benigno S. Aquino III to craft the Administration's Version of the Magna Carta of the Poor after it was vetoed on 25 March 2013.

Relative to this, our position is for the adoption of the said version which provides for the scope, content and standards of compliance of the recognized rights on adequate food, decent work, quality education, adequate housing and highest attainable standard of mental and physical health. The said version also highlights the role of the State to take concrete, targeted and deliberate steps towards the full realization of the rights of the poor through the National Poverty Reduction Plan (NPRP).

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


CORAZON JULIANO SOLIMAN
Secretary