



10 May 2017

Representative CESAR V. SARMIENTO
Chairperson
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
Quezon City

Dear Chairperson Sarmiento:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports **House Bill Nos. 153, 843, 2042, 2611, 3178, 3451, 3667 and 1507 or the Air Passenger Bill of Rights Act.**

To contribute to the enhancement of the bills, may we recommend the following:

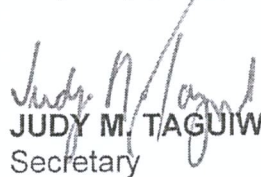
1. Consolidate the eight (8) bills into one.
2. On Sections 6 (Contract of Air Carriage) and 9 (Presumption of Negligence) Insert "undue offloading of baggage" after the phrase "or unreasonable deterioration of his/her baggage"
3. On Sections 13 (Clear, Truthful and Understandable Information) and 15 (Advertisement) Include discounts and exemptions mandated by existing laws for senior citizens and persons with disability (PWDs), among others.
4. On Section 17 - Right to Mandatory Fare Discount:
 - Consider the student's identification card as a valid proof of identification.
5. On Section 23 - Right to Equal Protection. Include the right to equal protection regardless of "disability."
6. On Section 37 - Special Accommodation of PWDs, Persons with Special Needs, Senior Citizens, Pregnant Women and Unaccompanied Children. Designate seats for senior citizens, PWDs and pregnant women either in the front row or in the back to save them from the inconvenience of walking down the plane aisles.

7. Provide a section that will protect the passengers from illegal schemes, i.e. Tanim Bala.

Related to this, the Department also supports **House Resolution No. 267** or *Resolution Directing the Committee on Trade and Industry and the Committee on Transportation to Conduct an Inquiry, In Aid of Legislation, on the Prohibitive Unconscionable, Deceptive, Unfair and Opportunistic Pricing of Domestic Air Carriers Specifically on the Purchase of Tickets that would Fly on the Same Day.*

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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Secretary