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REPRESENTATIVE SANDRA YOUNG ERIGUEL, M.D.

Chairperson
Committee on Social Services
House of Representatives
Quezon City

Dear **Representative Eriguel**:

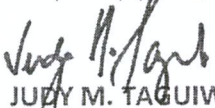
This has reference to the request of your Committee for our official position on House Bill Nos. 1916 and 2396 entitled, "An Act Amending Republic Act No. 7277, Otherwise Known As The "Magna Carta For Disabled Persons", introduced by Representative Micaela S. Violago and Representative Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado which aims to reserve five percent (5%) of the total workforce of private corporations for persons with disabilities (PWDs).

In line with this and upon reviewing the provisions of the bill, we find the need to further study the contents of the proposed bills given these premises:

1. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 7277 or the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons was already amended by Republic Act No. 10524 to include private corporations in the coverage of the law. The Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 10524 have already been published and took effect last 16 September 2016. We are providing you copies of both documents for your reference.
2. As it is, we recommend assessing first the implementation of the RA 10524 before proposing increases in the reserved positions for PWDs from one percent (1%) to five percent (5%).

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


JUDY M. TAGUIWALO
Secretary