



08 December 2017

**REPRESENTATIVE SANDRA YOUNG ERIGUEL**

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 No. 2094 entitled, "An Act Declaring Filipino Sign Language as the National Sign Language of the Filipino Deaf and the Official Language of Government in all Transactions Involving the Deaf and Mandating its Use in Schools, Broadcast Media and Workplaces", introduced by Representatives Antonio L. Tinio and France L. Castro.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development wishes to express its full support on the bill in its vision to empower participation and develop social skills of the Filipino Deaf Community while at the same time ensuring their access to public services through the use of Filipino Sign Language (FSL).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emmanuel A. Leyco', is written over a horizontal line.

**EMMANUEL A. LEYCO**  
Undersecretary and Officer-in-Charge