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REPRESENTATIVE JESUS N. SACDALAN

Chairperson
Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization
House of Representatives
Quezon City


Dear Chairperson Saccalan:

This refers to House Bill No. 2122 entitled "An Act Establishing The National Rehabilitation And Reconstruction Development Authority (NRRDA) As The Central Planning And Implementing Agency On The Early Recovery And Rehabilitation of Disaster-Stricken Areas In The Philippines, Providing The Authority With The Power To Administer An Early Recovery And Rehabilitation Program Trust Account, And For Other Purposes," introduced by Representative Ronaldo B. Zamora.

Our Department supports the intention of the bill to accelerate the early recovery and rehabilitation of areas affected by disasters. However, may we suggest thorough review of the proposal to create the National Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Development Authority (NRRDA) since its proposed powers and functions are already being exercised by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD). This suggestion is also in line with the government's policy to streamline the bureaucracy.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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Secretary