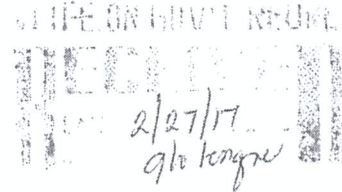


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**REPRESENTATIVE ANICETO "JOHN" BERTIZ III**  
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Dear **Chairperson Bertiz:**

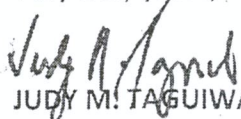
This refers to House Bill Nos. 192, 227, 288, 543, 822, 1936, 2334, 3255 and 4899 which seek to create the Department of Overseas Filipino Workers / Overseas Workers / Migration and Development.

In line with this, the Department of Social Welfare and Development would like to suggest thorough review of the proposal to create another office given the government's policy to streamline the bureaucracy. It is also worth adding that the powers and functions of the proposed Department are already being undertaken by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) thru the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) and Overseas Workers' Welfare Administration (OWWA), the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) thru the Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs (OUMWA), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) thru the Social Welfare Attaché Office (SWATO) and the Commission on Filipino Overseas (CFO). These agencies regularly coordinate with each other to facilitate the delivery of more responsive services for OFWs.

On the establishment of One-Stop Migrant Assistance Centers, please note that DOLE has already launched the One-Stop Service Center for OFWs (OSSCO) on 15 August 2016 to make the availment of government services easier for the sector.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
JUDY M. TAGUIWALO  
Secretary