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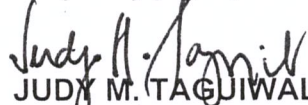
Dear **Representative Abueg**,

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports House Bill No 186 or the "Delayed Payment of Bills for Persons Affected by a State of Calamity Act of 2015" that aims to give persons affected by typhoons and other natural disasters in areas declared to be in a state of calamity a moratorium, forbearance or grace period in the payment of utility bills.

While this will enable the affected persons to recover from the effects of disaster, we also believe that it is necessary for the author to specify the allowable period upon which the privilege may be claimed by those who have been affected.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


JUDY M. TAGUIWALO
Secretary