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REPRESENTATIVE FREDERICK F. ABUEG

Chairperson

Committee on Social Services

House of Representatives

Quezon City

Dear **Representative Abueg**:

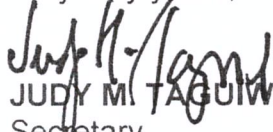
The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports House Bill No. 740 entitled, "An Act Providing for Benefits to Families of Employees Who are Missing and in Danger of Death" introduced by Representative Emmeline Aglipay-Villar, which aims to provide relief and protection to distressed workers and their families.

To contribute to the bill's enhancement, we are recommending the following:

1. On Section 5. Missing Employees Compensation: For consistency, establish the use of the terms "benefits" and "compensation."
2. On Section 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR): The DSWD, with its mandate to provide social protection, should be involved in the drafting of the IRR.
3. Include a provision on the procedures for the availment of the compensation.
4. Indicate if it is the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) which shall be the lead agency to oversee the implementation of the law.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


JUDY M. TAGUIWALO
Secretary