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**REPRESENTATIVE SOL ARAGONES**

Chairperson

Committee on Population and Family Relations

House of Representatives

Quezon City

**Dear Chairperson Aragones :**

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) fully supports House Bill Nos. 719, 847 and 3075 entitled; "An Act Establishing And Institutionalizing Long-Term Care For Senior Citizens, Providing Funds Therefor And For Other Purposes" authored by Representatives Alfredo D. Vargas, Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica and Estrellita B. Suansing, respectively. We welcome these initiatives and their intent to empower senior citizens towards active ageing.

It may be noted however that the provisions on education, employment, health, housing, mandatory PhilHealth coverage, social pension program, social safety nets and social services are already provided for under Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9994 or the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010." Hence, we recommend expanding the National Long-Term Care Program Framework provided under the bills to focus on other emerging issues of the sector after thorough consultation with them.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

**JUDY M. TAGUIWALO**

Secretary