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**REPRESENTATIVE ANGELINA D.L. TAN**

Chairperson  
Committee on Health  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City

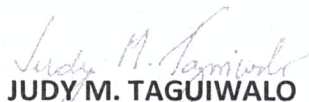
Dear **Representative Tan**:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development respectfully submits its comments and recommendations to House Bill Nos. 918 and 3657 authored by Representative Harry L. Roque, Jr. and the Chairperson, respectively, which seek to institutionalize health promotion in the Philippines.

1. Promoting health in policy, plans, and programs of the government is already undertaken by the Department of Health (DOH) as the principal health agencies in the country.
2. Given the government's policy to streamline the bureaucracy, we suggest that the creation of the National Health Promotion Commission of the Philippines under HBN 918 and Philippine Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention under HBN 3657 be reviewed thoroughly.
3. We finally suggest that the proposed Health Promotion Fund should instead be spent on existing health promotion programs on active ageing, maternal and children's health, and supplementary feeding program of the DOH, DepEd, and DSWD, among others.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
**JUDY M. TAGUIWALO**  
Secretary