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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 expresses its support on House Bill Nos. 1496, 1742, 2452 and 3274 that seek to provide tax relief to victims of calamities as these bills take cognizance of the circumstances faced by the victims.

In line with this, may we also submit our recommendations to contribute to the bills' enhancements:

1. Consolidate the four (4) bills into one.
2. On Section 4 of House Bill No. 2452, Effects of Declaration of Calamity: DSWD's jurisdiction over donations which will be exempted from donor's tax is limited to its registered/licensed and accredited Social Welfare and Development Agencies (SWDAs).
3. May we also share with the Committee a copy of Presidential Memorandum Order No. 36, Series of 1992 with the subject "*Authorizing The Importation And Donation Of Food, Clothing, Medicine And Equipment For Use In The Government Relief And Rehabilitation Programs For Calamity-Affected Areas Under Section 105 Of The Tariff And Customs Code Of The Philippines, As Amended, And The Applicable Provisions Of The Prevailing General Appropriations Act Covering The National Internal Revenue Taxes And Import Duties Of The National And Local Government Agencies And Establishing A Special Facility Therefor,*" for information and reference.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
JUDY M. TAGUIWALO  
Secretary