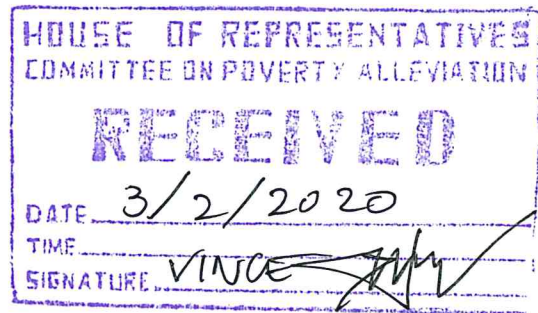




**Honorable DALE "ALONG" R. MALAPITAN**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Poverty Alleviation  
RVM Building, House of Representatives  
Quezon City



**Dear Representative Malapitan:**

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) strongly supports **House Bill No. 184** entitled: "An Act Mandating the National Government to Increase the Unconditional Cash Transfer (UCT) Program to P500.00 to Benefit 22 Million Poor Filipinos, and for Other Purposes", introduced by Representative Michael L. Romero, which seeks to increase the cash grants under the UCT Program to Php 500.00 from the current amount of Php 200.00 per month.

To contribute to the bill's enhancement, DSWD is recommending the following:

1. To include a section on "Appropriations" which will be read as follows:  
*"Sec. \_\_. Appropriations. The amount necessary for the efficient and effective implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter."*

The DSWD, in coordination with the Department of Finance and the Department of Budget and Management shall institute a comprehensive financial solution addressing the issues and/or improvement of inter-operability of various operations to continue and accelerate the implementation of the program, such as but not limited to, advice on transfer options, pay-out, disbursement, and liquidation.

2. Establishment of a Database Management System which refers to a storehouse with information security features necessary in the normal operations, including the rapid implementation of beneficiary registration, compliance verification, record retrieval, beneficiary update, and redress grievances monitoring.
3. Further, livelihood and employment opportunities should still be available and are provided to promote the economic and productive potential of the poor.

For the Committee's consideration.

Very truly yours,

**ROLANDO JOSELITO D. BAUTISTA**

Secretary

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