



August 28, 2019

**Honorable MA. LOURDES ACOSTA-ALBA**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Women and Gender Equality  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City

**Dear Congresswoman Acosta-Alba:**

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) supports House Bill Nos. 1357 and 2264 entitled: "An Act Recognizing the Civil Partnership of Couples, Providing Their Rights and Obligations" or the "Civil Partnership Act", authored by Representatives Bernadette Herrera-Dy and Pantaleon D. Alvarez, respectively.

We are pleased to inform the Chairperson that the proposed measures on civil partnership is one of the supported legislations of the Department for the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress, which uphold the political/social freedom and equality of all individuals regardless of sexual orientation.

In line with this, may we reiterate the DSWD's comments and recommendations which are embodied in the DSWD's Official Position Paper in the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress which was received by the Committee on Women and Gender Equality on February 19, 2019, copy attached for reference.

For the Committee's consideration.

Very truly yours,

**ROLANDO JOSELITO D. BAUTISTA**  
Secretary  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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