



October 22, 2019

Honorable PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO
2nd District, Quezon City
House of Representatives
Quezon City

Dear **Representative Castelo**:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) submits its comments on **House Bill No. 2189** entitled: "Food Donation Act", introduced by the Honorable Representative which seeks to mandate food establishments and businesses to donate unsold food to charitable institutions.

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

1. To add a Section defining the term "unsold food". This is to set the scope and coverage of food that will be included under this proposed legislation.
2. On **Sec. 3 – Implementation of this Act**
 - 2.1 There should be a distinct guideline on the processes of donation, storage and distribution of all unsold food items. The guidelines should include provision on safety standards to minimize health risks to consumers of unsold food.
 - 2.2 Include in the drafting of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).
3. On **Sec. 4 – Penalties**
 - 3.1 Include penalties for entrusted institution who resell unsold food items to the market.
 - 3.2 Consider computing the fine based on the annual profit of the establishments instead of a fixed P500,000.00.

For the Author's consideration.

Very truly yours,

ROLANDO JOSELITO D. BAUTISTA

Secretary

Date: _____

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