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**Honorable ROGELIO J. ESPINA, M.D.**

Chairman  
Committee on Population and Family Relations  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City


**Dear Congressman Espina,**

The Department of Social Welfare and Development fully supports the enactment into law of House Bill No. 3172, entitled: "An Act Amending Section 2, paragraph 2, sub-paragraph H Of Republic Act No. 7432, As Amended by Republic Act No. 9994, Otherwise Known As The Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010," by Representative Angelina D. Tan. M.D.

We believe that once the bill will be enacted into law it will benefit senior citizens who are not only sick or disabled but who are in dire need of government assistance to meet their basic needs and to increase their access to services.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
**CORAZON JULIANO-SOLIMAN**  
Secretary