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**REPRESENTATIVE SOL ARAGONES**

Chairperson

Committee on Population and Family Relations

House of Representatives

Quezon City


**Dear Chairperson Aragones:**

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports the enactment of House Bill Nos. 1859, 2823 and 3328, entitled: "An Act Creating A National Senior Vision Services Program For Elderly Persons With Functional Visual Impairments," introduced by the Chairperson, Representatives Estrellita B. Suansing and Rosenda Ann Ocampo that seek to establish a National Senior Vision Services Program as part of maintaining the health, welfare and quality of life of the elderly.

For consideration of the Committee, the Department recommends the adoption of the definition of "elderly" found under Republic Act Nos. 9257 and 9994 for consistency.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
**JUDY M. TAGUIWALO**  
Secretary