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HONORABLE RODOLFO G. BIAZON

Chairman
Committee on National Defence and Security
House of Representatives
Quezon City

Dear Congressman Biazon:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports the intention of House Bill No. 5097, entitled: "An Act Expanding The Application Of The Local Disaster Risk Reduction And Management Fund By Amending Republic Act No. 10121, Otherwise Known As The Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction And Management Act Of 2010," authored by Representative Sherwin T. Gatchalian.


We believe that the proposed amendments will help facilitate implementation of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management programs, activities and projects of the LGUs.

However, the DSWD recommends that instead of appointing or hiring direct rescue and response personnel, the LGUs could create a pool of their personnel who will be trained in the rescue and response during disasters. Honorarium for their services may be drawn from the LDRRMF only on need basis.

Likewise, the Department supports the proposal to shorten the period (from five (5) years to three (3) years) of reverting back the unexpended LDRRMF to the general fund and make it available for other social services.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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Officer-In-Charge