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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 expresses its reservation on the enactment into law of House Bill No. 969, entitled: "An Act Establishing The Emergency Management Agency, Amending For This Purpose Republic Act No. 10121, And For Other Purposes," authored by Magdalo Partylist Representatives Francisco Ashley L. Acedillo and Gary Alejano.

We believe that the four year old National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC) should be given a chance. We support the idea of creating a technical working group to review its mandate and submit their recommendations.

In this light, we would like to express our support to House Resolution No. 761, entitled: "Resolution Directing The Oversight Committee to Conduct An Inquiry, In Aid Of Legislation, On The Implementation Of Republic Act No. 10121 And To Undertake A Performance Review, Still In Aid Of Legislation, Of The National Disaster Risk Reduction And Management Council (NDRRMC)," introduced by Gabriela Representatives Emmie A. De Jesus and Luzviminda C. Ilagan.

We believe that the findings of the Oversight Committee would likewise support the government's policy to strengthen the existing one (NDRRMC) instead of creating a new one.

For the Committee's consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
**CORAZON JULIANO-SOLIMAN**  
Secretary