



12 February 2018

SENATOR JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO

Chairperson
Committee on Urban Planning
Housing and Resettlement
Senate of the Philippines
Pasay City

Dear **Senator Ejercito**:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development wishes to express its support on Senate Bill No. 1023 entitled, "An Act Instituting a National Comprehensive Framework on Resilient Housing and Human Settlements, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes", introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe which seeks to enhance the resiliency of communities on disasters through a comprehensive framework on housing and human settlements.

To contribute to the bill's enhancement, we are also proposing the following:

1. Under **Section 3 - General Objectives, letter (f)**: To revise the paragraph which will be read as:

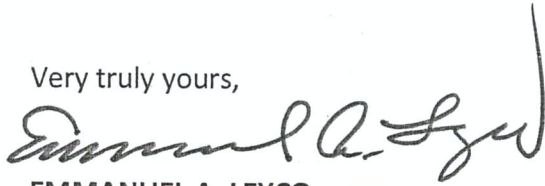
*"Support innovation and research and development into new, **GREEN**, indigenous, low-cost resilient and sustainable human settlements;"*

2. Under **Section 4 – Definition of Terms**:
 - a. **Letter (a), Number (4)**: Include protection against severe events caused by geologic hazards, volcanic eruptions and storm surges.
 - b. **Letter (h)**: The definition should include elements of risk reduction, sustainability, time, safety and security. In addition, key issues afflicting communities such as poverty, climate change and violence among others should be considered.
3. Under **Section 5 – National Framework for Resilient Housing and Human Settlements**:
 - a. The Committee should study provisions of Republic Act No. 6541 or the National Building Code of the Philippines to prevent any conflicts with the proposed bill.

b. **letter (e):** To revise the paragraph which will be read as:

*"Promotion of local government **RISK REDUCTION**, rehabilitation and recovery plans;"*

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emmanuel A. Leyco". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent vertical stroke at the end.

EMMANUEL A. LEYCO

Undersecretary and Officer-in-Charge