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**UNDERSECRETARY ANTONIO A. GALLARDO**

Presidential Legislative Liaison Office  
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Dear **Undersecretary Gallardo**:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports Senate Bill No. 1578 which seeks to create the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) as the primary national government agency responsible for housing and human settlements.

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

1. Under **Section 5 – Powers and Functions**:
  - a. Under **item (I)**: This section should incorporate the elements of Situational Analysis and Implementation as part of the Program Development Cycle.
  - b. Under **item (II), letter (b)**: Include the mandatory submission of the Comprehensive Land Use Policy (CLUP) and Local Shelter Plans (LSP) to DHSUD and other concerned national agencies.
  - c. Under **item (III)**: Include a section allocating a certain percentage of funds for reconstruction of houses or condominiums whenever the structure reaches the age of retirement or life span.
  - d. Under **item (V), letter (f)**: Include the guarantee of affordable housing insurance with minimal premium in this section.
2. Under **Section 24 – Creation of a National Shelter Board (NSB)**: Include the DSWD in the composition of the NSB since housing entails social preparation, community development and people's participation which the Department can provide.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emmanuel A. Leyco', written in a cursive style.

**EMMANUEL A. LEYCO**  
Undersecretary and Officer-in-Charge