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SENATOR RISA HONTIVEROS

Chairperson
Committee on Health and Demography
Senate of the Philippines
Pasay City

Dear **Senator Hontiveros**:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports the following bills proposing to amend Republic Act 7277 or the "Magna Carta for Persons with Disability" so that all persons with disabilities (PWDs) will be covered by the National Health Insurance Program of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth):

1. **Senate Bill No. 249** by Sen. Loren Legarda- An Act Granting Mandatory PhilHealth Coverage To All Persons With Disability (PWDs), Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 7277, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The "Magna Carta For Persons With Disability", Providing Funds Therefor And For Other Purposes
2. **Senate Bill No. 356** by Sen. Bam Aquino IV - An Act Providing For The Mandatory PhilHealth Coverage For All Persons With Disabilities, Further Amending For The Purpose Republic Act 727, Otherwise Known As The Magna Carta For Disabled Persons
3. **Senate Bill No. 377** by Sen. Risa Hontiveros- An Act Providing For Mandatory PhilHealth Coverage For All Persons With Disabilities (PWDs), Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 7277, As Amended By Republic Act No. 9442, Otherwise Known As The "Magna Carta For Disabled Persons", And For Other Purposes.
4. **Senate Bill No. 796** Sen. Ralph Recto - An Act Granting Mandatory PhilHealth Coverage To All Persons With Disability, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 7277, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The "Magna Carta For Persons With Disability", Providing Funds Therefor And For Other Purposes

To contribute to the bills' enhancement, we recommend the following:

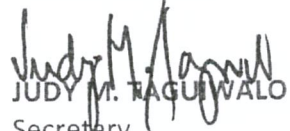
1. Consolidate the bills into one.
2. Firm up the classification/categorization of the types of disability as well as the database of persons with disability to support the effective implementation of these bills once enacted into law.

3. **Section 11 – Implementing Rules and Regulations:** To include the following in the crafting of the Implementing Rules and Regulations:

- i. National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA)
- ii. Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP)
- iii. Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)
- iv. Department of Health (DOH)

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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Secretary