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**SENATOR CYNTHIA A. VILLAR**

Chairperson

Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Senate of the Philippines

Roxas Blvd., Pasay City

Dear **Senator Villar**:

The **Department of Social Welfare and Development** supports the intent of **Senate Bill No. 548** entitled: *“An Act Creating a Special Poverty Alleviation Fund to be Used to Finance School and Community-Based Supplemental Feeding Programs and Related Poverty Alleviation Efforts Using the Minimum Basic Needs (MBN) Approach in the Poorest of the Poor Communities in the Country and for Other Related Purposes”* or the **“Poverty Alleviation Fund of 2016”**, introduced by Sen. Antonio “Sonny” F. Trillanes IV.

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

1. **Sec. 3 – Creation of a Special Poverty Alleviation Fund and Sec. 5 – Authorized Use of the Fund; The Program**

- a. To **include other National Government Agencies (NGAs)** in the implementation of the **Supplemental Feeding and Poverty Alleviation Program** e.g., the Department of Education (DepEd) in the implementation of the school feeding program.

2. **Sec. 4 – Sources of the Fund**

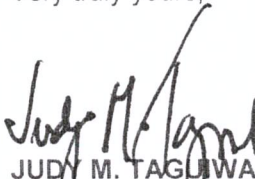
On the last paragraph, change **“xxx NAPC through the DSWD”** to **“xxx Department of Budget and Management (DBM).”**

3. **Sec. 6 – Limitations**

To **clearly indicate the limitations on the use of the Special Poverty Alleviation Fund** since the intent of the bill is not only to conduct sustained Supplemental Feeding but **implement other related poverty alleviation efforts.**

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
JUDY M. TAGUIWALO  
Secretary