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**Senator JUAN EDGARDO “SONNY” M. ANGARA**

Chairperson

Committee on Ways and Means

Senate of the Philippines

Pasay City

Dear **Senator Angara**:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports the enactment of Senate Bill No. 809 or the “Family Care Act of 2016” authored by Senator Ralph G. Recto that seeks to amend the National Internal Revenue Code to remove the limitation on the number of qualified dependents that a taxpayer may claim for tax deduction in order to accommodate legitimated children, aging parents and persons with disability.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

**JUDY M. TAGUIWALO**

Secretary