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Honorable **NANCY S. BINAY**  
Chairman

Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development  
Philippine Senate  
Pasay City

Dear Senator Binay:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports the passage of Senate Bill No. 2320, entitled: "An Act Creating A National Senior Vision Services Program For Elderly Persons With Functional Visual Impairments," introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago that seeks to establish a national senior vision services program to the elderly that will provide comprehensive services to the elderly persons who suffer from visual impairments.

We would also like to laud the author of the bill in the adoption of the definition of the "elderly" under RA 9257 or the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003" for consistency.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
**PARISYA H. TARADJI**  
Officer-In-Charge