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Honorable FREDENIL H. CASTRO

Chairman
Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms
House of Representatives
Quezon City

Dear Congressman Castro:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development respectfully submits its comments on House Bill No. 4545, entitled: "An Act Providing For Early Voting Of Senior Citizens And Appropriating Funds Therefor," and House Bill No. 4546, entitled: "An Act Providing For Early Voting Of Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) And Appropriating Funds Therefor," authored by Representative Gabriel Luis R. Quisumbing.

We believe that Republic Act No. 10366 (An Act Authorizing the Commission On Elections to Establish Precincts Assigned To Accessible Polling Places Exclusively For Persons With Disabilities and Senior Citizens) already ensures that senior citizens and persons with disabilities are able to exercise their suffrage without restrictions. Section 9 of the law authorizes the COMELEC to establish precincts of a non-territorial nature, exclusively for persons with disabilities and senior citizens.

For the consideration of the Committee.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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Secretary