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HON. KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES
Chairperson
Committee on Labor and Employment
House of Representatives
Quezon City

Dear Representative Nograles,


The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports the passage of House Bill No. 5468 entitled "An Act Institutionalizing the Nationwide Implementation of Jobstart Philippines Program and Providing Funds Thereof" authored by Rep. Nograles, Aglipay-Villar, Flores Jr., and Ramos Jr. to address the job-skills mismatch and facilitate the transition of graduates and trainees to the work force.

However, please consider our recommendations for the enhancement of the proposed measure:

- Section 5. Eligibility of Program Participants** – We suggest to target a certain percentage that will accommodate beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program.
- Section 7. Status of Jobstart Trainees** – We suggest to provide a section in case a jobstart trainee is not hired by the employer, an intervention should be made by the Jobstart Program for the trainee's eventual employment.
- Section 8. Payment of Training Allowance** – We suggest that aside from the payment of training fee, it is proper to include payment for overtime pay, night shift differential and holiday pay for the services rendered by the trainee.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


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Officer-In-Charge