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The Honorable
Congressman SALVIO B. FORTUNO
Chairperson
Committee on Poverty Alleviation
RVM Building, House of Representatives
Quezon City

Dear **Congressman Fortunato**:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports the overarching principle of **House Bill No. 899** or the "*Livelihood Enhancement Assistance Program Act of 2013*," introduced by **Hon. Congresswoman Erlinda M. Santiago** to improve the quality of life of poor Filipino households.

In line with this, may we also recommend the following for your consideration:

1. The proposed bill should aim for the holistic alignment of government's core social programs such as Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) and its convergence to Technology Resource Center's expertise for wider livelihood interventions for poor Filipino households with minimal resources.
2. On **Section 6 - Implementation**:

State **mechanisms on identifying/targeting beneficiaries** of the program. It must be properly attuned with the legally accepted National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction of the DSWD.
3. Incorporate **provisions on planning, reporting, monitoring and evaluation**.
4. On **Section 8 - Technical and Administrative Support Staff**: Specify the functions of the said support staff.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


CORAZON JULIANO-SOLIMAN
Secretary