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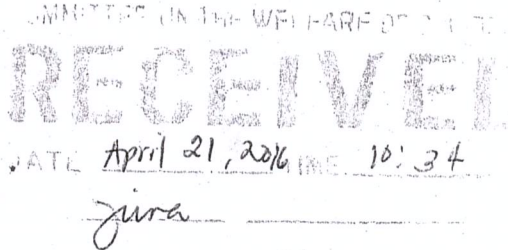
**HONORABLE AURORA ENERIO-CERILES**

Chairperson

Committee on the Welfare of Children

RVM Building, House of Representatives

Quezon City



Dear **Congresswoman Enerio-Ceriles**:

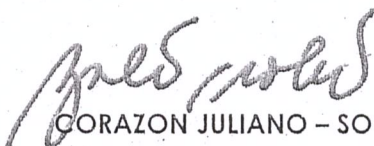
This has reference to **House Bill No. 4855** entitled, "**Alternative Care of Children Act**," introduced by Representatives Maria Lourdes Acosta-Alba, Karlo Alexei Nograles, and Mr. Senen Sarmiento, which the Committee on the Welfare of Children endorsed for the Department's comments and inputs.

Our Department recommends further study of the proposed measure because of the following reasons:

1. We noticed that most of the provisions are taken from **Republic Act No. 10165** or the "**Foster Care Act of 2012**" which the Department already implements.
2. **DSWD already maintains residential care facilities** nationwide, which provide 24-hour services to poor, vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals and/or families whose needs cannot be met by their respective families and/or relatives. Those which the bill intends to place under alternative care are already being served by DSWD through these facilities.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
**GORAZON JULIANO - SOLIMAN**  
Secretary