

**HON. ANGELICA NATASHA CO**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Women of Children  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City

Attn: **SYLVIA O. CHICO**  
Acting Committee Secretary

Dear **REPRESENTATIVE CO**,

This refers to your request for comments and recommendations on the following House Bills:

House Bill No.	Title	Author
Unnumbered bill in substitution of House Bills Numbered 7309 and 8042	AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AND ENHANCING THE ROLE OF PARENT-TEACHER AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS IN PROMOTING THE WELFARE AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 603, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHILD AND YOUTH WELFARE CODE	Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Angelica Natasha Co, Jude A. Acidre, and Franz S. Pumaren, et.al.

Foremost, we wish to enunciate that the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) supports measures that reinforce the protection and promotion of children's rights and best interests.

The DSWD believes that it takes a village to raise a child. The participation and coordination of community and parent-teacher associations in strengthening measures to achieve that objective is vital. These measures strengthen the local mechanism for protecting the rights of children and youth, such as the Local Council for the Protection of Children and Day Care Service Parents Group, in promoting and uplifting the rights and protection of children.

Premises considered, we express our support to the enhancement of the above-mentioned legislative measures.

For the Chairperson's consideration.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
**REX GATCHALIAN**  
Secretary  
Date: 10 JUN 2023