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Honorable SHERWIN T. GATCHALIAN
 Chairperson
 Basic Education, Arts and Culture
 Senate of the Philippines
 Pasay City

Dear Senator Gatchalian:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development **fully supports** Senate Bill No. 1167 entitled: "An Act to Improve Access to Preschool, Primary, and Secondary Education of Homeless Children and Youth" or the "**Educational Success for Homeless Children and Youth**", introduced by Senator Nancy S. Binay, which seeks to improve the life chances of homeless children and youth through accessible education.

To contribute to the bill's enhancement, we are recommending the following:

1. Sec. 1 – Short Title

To **revise the Title** to read as "Educational **Support** for Homeless Children and Youth" or "Educational **Accessibility** for Homeless Children and Youth" since the Bill aims to provide educational support.

2. Sec. 3 – Definition of Terms

2.1 On letter (C), to specify the age range of the 'homeless children and youth' to be served by this Act.

2.2 On item (C) (2)

2.2.1 To clarify whether the term "homeless" includes children and youth catered by residential facilities; and

2.2.2 To clarify whether "other persons" would also include distant relatives, and if not, the degree of consanguinity/affinity necessarily required.

3. Sec. 4 – Grants for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth

3.1 On letter (B), to specify the 'relevant government agencies' being referred to for the implementation of this Act; and

3.2 On letter (D), to recommend that the Coordinator for Education of Homeless Children and Youth report to the City or Municipal Social


Welfare and Development Officer since they are the ones handling welfare of homeless street children and children in need of special protection.

4. Other Comments:

- 4.1 To consider having homeless children and youth undergo case management to help determine their mental and emotional condition/capacity to meet the demands and standards of the formal education system; and
- 4.2 To integrate the education program for homeless children and youth in rehabilitation, relocation, and care programs for homeless children and youth, and their families.

For the Committee's consideration.

Very truly yours,


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Secretary
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