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Honorable JUAN EDGARDO 'SONNY' ANGARA
 Chairperson
 Committee on Youth
 Senate of the Philippines
 Pasay City

Dear Senator Angara:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development **fully supports** Senate Bill No. 1090 entitled: **"An Act Providing for the Magna Carta of the Out-of-School Youth"**, introduced by the Committee Chairperson, which seeks to institute reforms aimed at encouraging OSYs to realize their value in society and exercise self-improvement mechanisms.

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

1. **Sec. 2 – Declaration of Policies, on letter (c), to clarify the difference of this Bill with Republic Act No. 9155 or the "Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001" as to the provision of Alternative Learning System for the out-of-school youth.**

2. **Sec. 3 - Definitions**

2.1 **On letter (b), Out-of-School Youth**

To clarify if the conditions, such as **"currently out of school"** and **"not gainfully employed"** are a requirement since other OSYs may be employed or are engaged in livelihood activities.

2.2 **On letter (e), Technical/Vocational Education**

To be changed to **"Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET)"** consistent with the definition in RA No. 10687 or the **"Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) Act"**.

3. **Sec. 4 – The State as the Primary Duty-Bearer**

3.1 **To create an 'Advisory Council' whose mandate is to ensure the implementation and development of programs for children and youth; and**

3.2 **To amend the Sub-Title to "Advisory Council of OSYs".**

4. Sec. 11 – Government Assistance

To require Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) to be duly registered/licensed and accredited by the DSWD.

5. Sec. 13 – Education Cost and Support

To revise the first statement to read as: "Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) shall be offered..."

6. Sec. 28 – Implementing Rules and Regulations

To include the National Youth Council (NYC) and the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) as focal agencies for the promotion and protection of youth and children's rights.

7. Other Comments:

- 7.1 To include the conduct of social case management or profiling of the OSYs for the provision of proper social service interventions under Section 11 (c) on Social Services, and in Section 26 on Local Social Welfare and Development Officer;
- 7.2 To consider providing OSYs and their families health and sex education and information, as well as family counseling sessions to curb the number of dropout cases due to early marriage, marital conflict, or family matters;
- 7.3 To consider the conduct of an overall needs assessment for the target clients through the Advisory Council prior to the development and provision of specific interventions along education, employment, and livelihood, among other support services; and
- 7.4 To include other privileges in using an OSY Identification Card, such as transportation discounts.

For the Committee's consideration.

Very truly yours,


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Secretary
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