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Chairperson Committee on Poverty Alleviation House of Representatives Constitution Hills, Quezon City

Dear Honorable Congressman Fortuno:

This has reference to the request of the Committee on Poverty Alleviation for our Department's official position on House Bill No. 4063 or "An Act Providing for the Conditions to be Complied with by the Beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program" authored by Representatives Rufus B. Rodriguez and Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development wishes to share the following points with the Committee:

- 1. On Section 2 Conditions 1 to 5: We welcome the bill's intention to institutionalize conditions which are already part of the Pantawid Pamilya Program.
- 2. On Section 2 Conditions 6 to 9 on Environmental Conservation: We took note that mechanisms to monitor and verify these conditions were not stipulated in the bill. Along this, we also believe that there is merit in further studying these conditions and their impact on the Pantawid Pamilya operating systems.

Given these points, our Department would like to recommend that instead of the additional conditions, existing Pantawid Pamilya Program Modules / Session Guides on Community Participation be enhanced to highlight the practical application of beneficiaries' learnings along environmental conservation.

Thank you.

Very truly yours

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Secretary