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HONORABLE GRACE L. POE

Chairperson
Committee on Public Information and Mass Media
Senate of the Philippines
Roxas Blvd., Pasay City

Dear **Senator Poe**:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports Senate Bill Nos. 532: Anti-Computer Pornography Act of 2013 (Sen. Legarda), 859: Anti-Computer Pornography Act & 978: Local Anti-Smut Campaign Act of 2013 (Sen. Ejercito-Estrada), and Senate Resolution Nos. 453 (Sen. Binay), 472 (Sen. Poe), 476, 479 & 522 (Sen. Defensor-Santiago) that aim to prevent the proliferation of cyber pornography in the country.

To contribute to the bills' enhancement, we are proposing the following:

- 1. To consolidate the proposed measures into one.
- 2. On Sec. 3 (Local Print Media Monitoring Board) of SB No. 978, to include the conduct of monitoring of internet cases, call center establishments and other facilities, which may be used in the public transfer of prohibited materials.
- 3. On Sec. 4 (Composition of Local Print Media Monitoring Board) of the same bill, to include representation of the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs).

On the other hand, other provisions stipulated in the three (3) proposed measures were already covered by **Republic Act No. 9262** or the "Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004," **Republic Act No. 9775** or the "Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009," **Republic Act No. 10364** or the "Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2012," and **Republic Act No. 10175** or the "Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012." Thus, the Department of Justice (DOJ) together with other concerned agencies should fast track the drafting of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 10175 to efficiently and effectively implement the law for the protection of women and children.

In line with this, we are pleased to inform the Honorable Senator Poe that the Department as Chair of the Inter-Agency Council Against Child Pornography (IACACP) and Inter-Agency Council of the Welfare Against Women and Their Children (IACVAWC) continuously coordinates and monitors the implementation of Republic Act No. 9775 or the "Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009" and Republic Act No. 9262 or the "Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004."

We are providing you with the **initial accomplishment report on the implementation of RA 9775** and **CY 2013 accomplishment report on the implementation of RA 9262** for your reference. The same was submitted to the House Committee on the Welfare of Children on 30 January 2014 and 26 March 2014, respectively.

For the Honorable Senator's perusal, please.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

CORAZON JULIANO - SOLIMAN

Secretary

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the minor be committed in a Treatment Rehabilitation Centre so that appropriate intervention can be provided. The LGU Social Worker should be in close coordination with the parents and the centres in order to monitor the treatment and rehabilitation process and the progress of the minor as well as the after-care services to be provided once the accused minor has been discharged from the rehabilitation centre.

We hope that these recommendations will be carefully evaluated for the enhancement of the proposed legislative measure.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

CORAZON JULIANO-SOLIMAN

Secretary