

11 July 2017

SENATOR RISA HONTIVEROS

Chairperson
Committee on Women, Children
Family Relations and Gender Equality
Senate of the Philippines
Roxas Blvd., Pasay City

Dear Chairperson Hontiveros:

The **Department of Social Welfare and Development supports Senate Bill No. 1485** entitled: An Act Improving the Status of Children Born or Conceived of Marriages Declared Void for Certain Reasons, Amending for this Purpose Article 54 of Executive Order No. 209, Otherwise Known as the Family Code of the Philippines, and for Other Purposes, introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay.

We believe that this proposed measure will ensure that all children enjoy the rights provided for in Article 174 of the Family Code.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

JUDY M. TAGUIWALO

Secretary