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HONORABLE KIMI S. COJUANGCO

Chairperson Committee on Basic Education and Culture RVM Building, House of Representatives Quezon City

Dear Congresswoman Cojuangco:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports **House Bill No. 831** entitled, "An Act Institutionalizing and Enhancing the Role of Parent-Teacher (Community) Associations in Promoting the Welfare and Protecting the Rights of Children and the Youth, Amending for the Purpose Presidential Decree No. 603 Otherwise Known as "The Child and Youth Welfare Code," introduced by Representative Jonathan Dela Cruz, as it strengthens the local mechanisms for protecting the rights of children and youth such as the Local Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC) that are already in placed.

We, however recommend, to look into how the PTAs will best complement these local mechanism or LCPC or how it will be of assistance in the implementation of Local Plans for Children.

For consideration of the Committee.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

CORAZON JULIANO-SOLIMAN

Secretary