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REPRESENTATIVE DIVINA GRACE C. YU

Chairperson Committee on the Welfare of Children RVM Building, House of Representatives Quezon City

Dear Chairperson Yu:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports HB No. 1811: An Act Protecting Children from Cigarette Smoke Exposure, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 2911, Otherwise Known as the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003, Sections 6 and 29, introduced by Rep. Alfred Vargas.

We wish to bring to your attention that Republic Act No. 9211 is the current law being amended and not Republic Act No. 2911.

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

- 1. To indicate how this bill would complement **EO No. 26**, series of 2017 entitled: "Providing for the Establishment of Smoke-Free Environments in Public and Enclosed Places."
- 2. On Sec. 2 (Sec. 29 Implementing Agency)

To include as one of the functions of the Department of Health (DOH) the conduct of information and advocacy campaigns from the national down to the local levels.

3. To include a Section for the formulation of the Implementing Rules and Regulations.

For consideration of the Committee.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary