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REPRESENTATIVE CONRADO M. ESTRELLA III

Chairperson
Committee on Youth and Sports Development
3/F Annex Bldg., House of Representatives
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

Dear Chairperson Estrella:

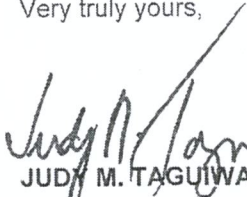
The Department of Social Welfare and Development has reservations on House Bill No. 2971 entitled: "An Act Establishing a Youth Development and Training Center in Every City and Municipality in the Country, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 8044, Otherwise Known as the 'Youth in Nation-Building Act and Appropriating Funds Therefor" and House Bill No. 4052 entitled: "Youth Empowerment Act of 2016," introduced by Representatives Elenita Milagros "Eileen" Ermita-Buhain and Rene Relampagos, respectively.

The establishment of Youth Development Council/Youth Development and Training Center in every city and municipality in the country was already covered by Republic Act No. 10742 or "An Act Establishing Reforms in the Sangguniang Kabataan Creating Enabling Mechanisms for Meaningful Youth Participation in Nation-Building, and for Other Purposes" under Chapter III (The Local Youth Development Council), and Chapter IV (The Local Youth Development Office), which mandates every province, city and municipality to create a Local Youth Development Council (Sec. 23) and Youth Development Office (Sec. 25), to ensure wide and multi-sectoral youth participation in local governance.

We believe that the creation of another entity to take charge of youth concerns will only duplicate what is already provided by law.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


JUDY M. TAGUIWALO
Secretary