

26 February 2018

**UNDERSECRETARY RYAN L. ESTEVEZ**  
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House of Representatives  
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

Dear **Undersecretary Estevez**:

Thank you for bringing to our attention the status of **House Bill No. 7033** entitled: An Act Establishing a Comprehensive System for Registration and Licensing of Social Welfare and Development Agencies and Accreditation of Social Welfare and Development Programs and Services, and Appropriating Funds Therefor or the "**Social Welfare and Development Agencies (SWDAs) Act**", introduced by Representative Anthony M. Bravo, PhD. et al., which is under Period of Amendments at the House of Representatives.

The **Department of Social Welfare and Development strongly advocates the immediate enactment of the bill into law** which is one of our priority bills, which seeks to strengthen DSWD's regulatory functions, set standards, provide benefits and incentives, and monitor the public and private individuals, agencies and organizations engaged in social welfare and development activities.

Related to this, we are in constant coordination with the House Committee on Social Services chaired by Representative Sandra Y. Eriguel, and the Offices of Representative Bravo as author and Representative Pia S. Cayetano who has further inputs on the bill.

Attached are copies of our **Official Position Papers** which were **received by the House Committees on Social Services and Appropriations** on 05 October 2016 and 07 March 2017, respectively.

Please be assured of our active participation in the future deliberations of the bill.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



**LUZVIMINDA C. ILAGAN**  
Undersecretary for Legislative Liaison Affairs

**Enclosure: As stated**