



18 December 2017

**REPRESENTATIVE SANDRA Y. ERIGUEL, M.D.**

Chairperson  
Committee on Social Services  
RVM Building, House of Representatives  
Quezon City

Dear Chairperson Eriguel:

The **Department of Social Welfare and Development** has reservations on **House Bill No. 6457** entitled: **An Act Authorizing the Local Social Welfare and Development Officer of Each Municipality to Order the Granting of Support to an Acknowledged Child of a Parent**<sup>1</sup>, introduced by Representative Wes Gatchalian.

The ordering of delivery of child support to acknowledged children, the enforcement of the court order to give child support, the attachment of properties, and the issuance of writs execution are **purely judicial functions primarily vested in our courts of justice.**

Further, these functions would necessarily require highly technical competence, expertise, training and experience. Hence, we are recommending that the **Local Social Welfare and Development Office (LSWDO) should focus more on the delivery of essential social services to our people and leave the judicial aspect of the child support to our courts.**

For consideration of the Committee.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emmanuel A. Leyco', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

**EMMANUEL A. LEYCO**  
Officer-in-Charge