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**REPRESENTATIVE ANGELINA D.L. TAN, M.D.**

Chairperson

**Committee on Health**

RVM Bldg., House of Representatives

Quezon City

Dear **Representative Tan**:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development **fully supports House Bill Nos. 760** (Rep. Aglipay-Villar), **761** (Rep. Aglipay-Villar), **765** (Rep. Aglipay-Villar), **875** (Rep. Espina), **888** (Rep. Tan, A.), **899** (Rep. Villaraza-Suarez), **1662** (Rep. Angara-Castillo), **1739** (Rep. Tan, A.), **2512** (Angara-Castillo), **2928** (Rep. Montoro), **3101** (Rep. Aglipay-Villar), **3341** (Rep. Cayetano), **3358** (Rep. Garin, S.), 3564 (Rep. Baguilat), 3643 (Rep. Maximo), and 3967 (Rep. Antonio), entitled: ***“An Act Institutionalizing the First 1,000 Days Intervention Package under the Universal Health Care Program and Appropriating the Funds Therefor”***, which seek to institutionalize a maternal and health care program for women and children.

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

1. Consolidate the bills into one.
2. To look into the following strategies/plans as further references:
  - 2.1 The **Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty (PAHP)** being implemented by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) and DSWD in responding to the need of the Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP) for indigents/locally produced food products for a more sustainable approach in achieving food security and food safety as key factors for child nutrition.

PAPH is a mechanism wherein Sustainable Livelihood Program Association (SLPAs), DAR's Agrarian Reform Beneficiary Organizations (ARBOs) and small holder farmer organizations of the Department of Agriculture (DA), grow food and supply the requirements of SFP in Childhood Development Centers (CDCs) in select poor rural communities.
  - 2.2 The **Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement** may also be cited and used as reference in the drafting of these bills as it shares the same target to eradicate malnutrition in children aged 0-5 years old; and
  - 2.3 **National Plan of Action for Children and Indicators of the Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance** where details of interventions for 0-2 years old children are also included.

3. On the **Declaration of Policy**

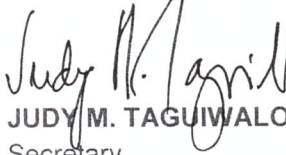
Include **male responsibility/involvement, community support, existing social structures,** and **organized activities** as crucial factors in addressing malnutrition.

4. To specify the **roles and functions of concerned National Government Agencies (NGAs), Non-Government Organizations,** and other stakeholders in the institutionalization and implementation of Maternal and Child Health Care and Nutrition.

5. To consider the **membership of the DAR** under the National Nutrition Council (NNC). Also, the **Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Council** since it is in-charge of programs for the zero to four (4) year old children.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
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Secretary