

Honorable MA. LOURDES ACOSTA-ALBA
Chairperson
Committee on Women and Gender Equality
RVM Building, House of Representatives
Quezon City

Dear Chairperson Acosta-Alba:

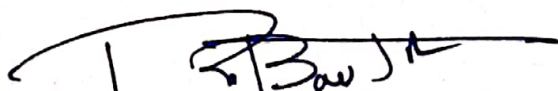
The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) supports House Bill Nos. 111, 866, 3396 and 4113 entitled: *"An Act Ensuring the Fundamental Equality of Men and Women Under the Laws on Marriage and Family Relations, Amending for the Purpose Articles 14, 96, 124, 211, and 225 of Executive Order 209, Otherwise Known as the Family Code of the Philippines"*, introduced by Representatives Fortun, Aglipay, the Chairperson, and Villarica, respectively, House Bill No. 1142 or *"An Act Amending Articles 96 and 124 of the Family Code of the Philippines"*, introduced by Representatives Brosas, Elago, Cullamat, and Gaité, and House Bill No. 1148 or *"An Act Amending Articles 14, 211 and 225 of the Family Code of the Philippines"*, introduced by Representatives Brosas, Castro, Cullamat, Zarate, and Gaité.

The DSWD believes that the proposed amendments on the discriminatory provisions of Executive Order No. 29 or *"The Family Code of the Philippines"* under Article Nos. 14, 96, 124, 211 and 225, which gives primacy to the decisions of the husband or father over the wife or mother is a direct affirmation of our commitment to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Further, the proposed measure will support and help in the implementation of Goal 5 of the Sustainable Development Goals, which targets the adoption and strengthening of policies and legislation for the promotion of gender equality and women and girls empowerment.

For the Committee's consideration.

Very truly yours,



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