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HONORABLE AURORA ENERIO - CERILLES

Chairperson
Committee on Welfare of Children
House of Representatives
Quezon City

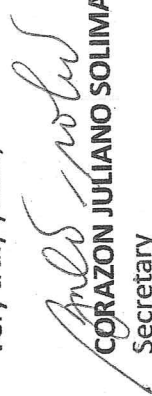
Dear **Honorable Congresswoman Enerio-Cerilles:**

This has reference to House Bill No. 2058 entitled, "An Act to Provide a Civil Action for a Minor Injured by Exposure to an Entertainment Product Containing Material that is Harmful to Minors" authored by Representative Evelina G. Escudero.

Our Department wishes to express its full support on the objective of the bill to protect minors from materials which may be prejudicial to their development. However, we believe that this objective is already imbedded in Republic Act No. 7610 or the Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act and Republic Act No. 9775 or the Anti-Child Pornography Act. Further, may we also recommend that the term *minor* be replaced with *children* defined as "persons below eighteen (18) years of age or those over but are unable to fully take care of themselves or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition".

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


CORAZON JULIANO SOLIMAN
Secretary