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HONORABLE AURORA ENERIO-CERILLES

Chairperson
Committee on the Welfare of Children
RVM Building, House of Representatives
Quezon City

Dear Congresswoman Enerio-Cerilles:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports the approved version of the Substitute Bill of House Bill No. 155 or the "*Positive and Non-Violent Discipline of Children Act*," introduced by Representatives Susan Yap, Walden Bello, Ibarra Gutierrez III, Maria Carmen Zamora, Lemuel Lawrence Fortun, Ruby Sahali, and Aurora Enerio-Cerilles, which seeks to promote and protect the rights of children from all forms of abuse particularly the "*corporal punishment*" in all settings.

We are very glad that the recommendations of the Department were considered particularly on Sec. 16 (*Duties and Responsibilities of Government Agencies*) letter (c), which states: "*the DSWD shall integrate positive discipline in the capacity building activities for the local SWDO to enable them to provide counseling and appropriate intervention program for both offended child and offender.*"

Further, we support the amended provision of Sec. 4 (*Promotion of Techniques on Positive and Non-Violent Discipline*) proposed by the Child Right's Network (CRN).

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary