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HONORABLE SALVIO B. FORTUNO

Chairperson
Committee on Poverty Alleviation
House of Representatives
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

Dear **Honorable Congressman Fortunio**:

This has reference to the request of the Committee on Poverty Alleviation for our Department's official position on **House Bill No. 3887** or "An Act Granting Automatic Additional Financial Assistance and Scholarship Grant to Children of a Household Covered by the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program" authored by Representative Eric L. Olivarez and **House Resolution No. 1074** or "The Resolution Directing the Committee on Poverty Alleviation to Inquire, in Aid of Legislation, on the Social Impact Evaluation of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and Make the Necessary Legislation to Further Improve the Program" authored by Representative Marcelino R. Teodoro.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development wishes to express its support on House Bill No. 3887 which will provide the legal basis for the institutionalization and extended coverage of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (Pantawid Pamilya).

For the information of the Honorable Congressman:

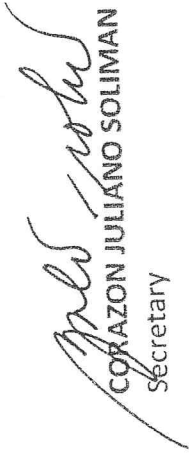
1. The Pantawid Pamilya, starting in CY 2014, has extended its coverage to include children 15 to 18 years old who are attending high school. The corresponding cash grant of Php500.00 per month is provided for each child as long as he/she meets the 85% required school attendance.
2. As of 30 June 2014: 462,000 children 15 to 18 years old who are attending high school are covered by the program.
3. Forty thousand (40,000) college students from Pantawid Pamilya households are benefiting from educational assistance in the amount of Php60,000 per school

year or Php30,000 per semester for tuition, books, board and lodging and stipends under the Student Grant-in-Aid Program.

With regard to House Resolution No. 1074, the Pantawid Pamilya National Program Management Office has already informed the Committee in the 2nd week of June 2014 that the results of the 2nd Wave Impact Evaluation has yet to be completed. May we, however, give the Honorable Congressman the assurance that the results of the said study will be shared with the Committee once finalized.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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Secretary