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HONORABLE PEDRO B. ACHARON, JR.

Chairperson  
Committee on Local Government  
House of Representatives  
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

Dear Congressman Acharon:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports House Bill Nos. 27, 1524, and 2321 or the "*Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2013*," introduced by Representatives Raul Del Mar, Kaka Bagao, and Herny Oaminal, respectively as well as House Bill Nos. 109 and 3000 or the "*Sangguniang Kabataan Reform and Empowerment Act of 2013*," introduced by Representatives Marcelino Teodoro and Ibarra Gutierrez, respectively, which aim to restore the trust of the youth to the SK and to make the youth body a meaningful instrument for youth empowerment at the barangay level.

To contribute to the bill's enhancement, we are proposing the following for consideration of the Committee:

- ✦ To consolidate the proposed measures into one, entitled: "*Sangguniang Kabataan Reform and Empowerment Act of 2014*."
- ✦ To adopt Sections 4 (*Powers and Duties of the Katipunan ng mga Kabataan*), 5 (*Katipunang Pangkaunlaran ng Kabataan*), 14 (*Removal from Office*), 15 (*Succession and Filing of Vacancies*), 16 (*Mandatory Training and Seminar on Leadership, Program Development and Youth Advocacies*), 19 (*Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan*), and 20 (*Observance of "Buwan ng Kabataan"*) of HB 3000, introduced by Representatives Gutierrez and Bello, in consideration for the consolidation of the proposed measures. These provisions provide clearer procedures, mechanisms, advocacies, and capability building as well as adheres for the purpose of transparency and accountability for youth leaders.
- ✦ On Sec. 18 (*Procedure for Reviewing SK Budgets*), letter (a), item no. (2), particularly on the mandatory allocations of the SK appropriations, hence, we believe that allocations should be based on the actual needs and priorities of the youth constituents in every given barangay. Further, 80% of funds should go through meaningful programs and 20% to administrative costs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
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