



12 February 2018

USEC. ANTONIO A. GALLARDO
Presidential Legislative Liaison Office
Malacañang, Manila

Dear **Undersecretary Gallardo**:

Thank you for bringing to our attention the status of **Senate Bill No. 1650/Committee Report No. 223** entitled: An Act Providing for the Magna Carta of the Out-of-School Youth or the "**Magna Carta of the Out-of-School Youth**", authored by Senator Sherwin Gatchalian, Joel Villanueva, and Loren Legarda, which is pending on Second Reading.

The **Department of Social Welfare and Development supports the proposed measure**. However, on **Sec. 22 (Especially Difficult Circumstance)**, may we recommend to revise the words "victims of sexual and physical abuse" to "**victim survivors of sexual and physical abuse**", considering the strength perspective. This will focus on clients' abilities and resources instead of her/his problems and deficits.

Attached is a copy of our **Official Position Paper on Senate Bill No. 1000** which was received by the **Senate Committee on Youth** on 06 December 2016.

Please be assured of our active participation in the Senate deliberations of the bill.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

EMMANUEL A. LEYCO
Officer-in-Charge

Enclosure: As stated

Cc: Secretary Adelino B. Sitoy
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