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Chairperson

Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Senate of the Philippines

Roxas Blvd., Pasay City

Dear Senator Binay:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development as an advocate of **Senate Bill Nos. 722 and 1934** entitled, "*An Act Establishing a Comprehensive System for Registration and Licensing of Social Welfare and Development Agencies and Accreditation of Social Welfare and Development Programs and Services, and Appropriating Funds Therefor*" or the "*Social Welfare and Development Agencies (SWDAs) Act of 2013*," introduced by Senators Ralph G. Recto and Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, fully supports the immediate enactment of the bill into law, which has the following measures:

1. The bill seeks to reinforce the regulatory functions of the DSWD over the public and private individuals, agencies and/or organizations engaged in social welfare and development activities with the end of view of ensuring the provision of the highest quality of service possible to target clientele.
2. It provides the DSWD the authority to regulate the practice of social work and the operations of social work agencies anchored on RA 4373 also called "*An Act to Regulate the Practice of Social Work and the Operation of Social Work Agencies in the Philippines and for Other Purposes*" as amended by RA 5175 as well as social welfare and development agencies.
3. It provides sanctions in case of non-compliance with standards and procedures set by the DSWD and the provisions of this bill including its implementing rules and regulations.
4. The measure also provides benefits and incentives to registered, licensed and accredited Social Welfare and Development Agencies (SWDAs) in recognition of their importance and invaluable contribution in social welfare and development.

However, on the consolidation of the proposed bills, may we recommend to retain the provision which state: "*other causes may be determined by the Department,*" as stipulated on **Sections 31 (g) - Grounds for Suspension and 32 (h) - Grounds for Revocation of License** under **SB 1934**.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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Secretary