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The Chairperson
Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights
Parliament of the Republic of Fiji
Government Buildings
Suva

Dear Sir

Re: Written Submission on the Child Justice Bill and Child Care and Protection Bill

The House of Sarah www.houseofsarah.org is a faith-based organization that offers a network of services aimed at preventing violence against women and girls (VAWG) and providing response and intervention to survivors of violence. Established in 2009, the House of Sarah champions the human rights approach to Gender Based Violence in society from a Christian perspective.

The call to update the Juvenile Act 1973 and the Child Welfare Act 2010 is one that we welcome as the Acts are just some of the Laws that we reference for cases reported by individuals and the community. The Bills therefore while comprehensive, need amendments in certain areas.

I hereby submit for your consideration comments on the Child Justice Bill No 4 2024 and the Child Care and Protection Bill No 5 2024. We will also welcome the opportunity to make an in-person presentation on our submission to the Standing Committee should that option be available.

I thank you for this initiative and look forward to the Bills being finalized.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Rene Miller
For Executive Director

Providing a listening ear, a warm heart and a helping hand.

