August 17, 2012

Dear Mme. Minister,

**Subject:** **Exploitation of children by begging mafia**

I am writing to you on behalf of COMMON CAUSE, a civil society organization dedicated to articulating the common problems of the people and securing redress for them. In its espousal of public causes over three decades, Common Cause has used the instruments of policy advocacy and public interest litigation to good effect.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter that we have addressed to the Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights to draw her attention to the rampant exploitation of infants and young children by professional beggars and begging mafia all over the country. However, the issues involved are not limited to the protection of child rights: they also impinge on the domain of social welfare. We have, therefore, forwarded a copy of our letter to NCPCR to the Chairperson, Central Social Welfare Board.

We hope that under your stewardship, the Ministry of Women and Child Development will come forward to assume the leadership in a multi-pronged and multi-institutional onslaught on the nefarious practice of child beggary.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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