August 17, 2012

Dear Smt. Cariappa,

**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 would, therefore, request the Central Social Welfare Board to play a proactive role in a concerted effort to wipe out this shameful blot on our national conscience.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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