THE MAJORITY CAUCUS
PARLIAMENT OF GHANA
GHANA - ACCRA

## PETITION TO APPEAL WITH MAJORITY GROUP IN PARLIAMENT TO RECONSIDER STANCE ON DEMANDING THE REMOVAL OR RESIGNATION OF MR. KEN OFORI ATTA

Dear Leader,

My name is Benjamin Gyewu – Appiah, a citizen of the Republic of Ghana.

I am writing this petition with a sorrowful and heavy heart considering the economic stress around the Globe that has immensely affected the good people of Ghana particularly your constituents.

Respectfully Sir, you will agree with me that, the economic situation that has affected lives in Ghana is not the creation of any individual in the world.

Several resilient world economies are now in shambles and others in difficult times.

Unemployment, increase in cost of fuel, high cost of living/ doing business and inflation has witnessed an unprecedented inclination in recent times due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's invasion in Ukraine.

These exogenous factors has deepened Africa's woes and exposed the generational failure of building a robust African/ Ghanaian economy free from external loans and grants.

In the last few days, there has been several allegations against the Finance Minister, Ken OFORI Atta and subsequent calls from CSO's, a section of Ghanaians and most importantly, members of your caucus calling for the removal or resignation of Hon Ken OFORI Atta.

Ordinarily, I deem these calls to be a way the Ghanaian people vent out their frustrations and express their dissatisfaction of the performance of the Ghanaian Economy and general response to the several allegations including mismanagement, incompetence, conflict of interest and among other things leveled against the Finance Minister.

Respectfully Leader, prior to the parliamentary ad hoc committee instituted to ascertain the substance of the motion of censure by the minority group, I was one of the persons who vehemently believed that our finance minister ought to be sacked for reckless mismanagement of

our economy, reckless expenditure, transferring GNPC monies into an unknown offshore

account, misrepresentation of figures and above all, milking the state for his private gains.

However, after extensively monitoring the proceedings of the committee, it may be

concluded that, the calls for the removal or resignation of the finance minister is only

sentimental and emotional but not on fortified on grounds of any of the stated malfeasances

as widely speculated in the media.

It is clear that, the allegations leveled against the person of the finance minister is simply

NOT true and thus as a matter of fact even though there are certain domestic factors

influencing our economic distress, our current economic difficulty largely as a nation is due

to external shocks which the finance minister has no control over.

In this regard, respectfully I wish to appeal that, the caucus reconsiders its stance on

demanding the sacking or resignation of Ken Ofori Atta because same is not in the bigger

interest of the nation.

The interest of the nation is to see the country sail through our economic challenges and to do

this, the collective efforts of all stakeholders including this caucus is largely needed by the

ordinary Ghanaian.

Counting on your usual cooperation

Yours Faithfully

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