

## **Press Release**

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### **THE MINORITY IN PARLIAMENT CONDEMNS GRIDCo's ATTEMPT TO GAG EMPLOYEES**

The Minority in Parliament condemns the move by GRIDCo to get its employees to sign a fresh oath of secrecy which will bar them from speaking on issues affecting the company in these trying times. This attempt is dangerous, it is inimical to the growth of the company and affront to the Right to Information Act.

It is worthy to note that, as part of conditions of service of employees of GRIDCo, no employee is expected to speak to or release any such sensitive or classified information from the company to the general public, and this is strictly applied and adhered to by employees. But the recent attempt to introduce the signing of an oath of secrecy is alien to the conditions of service and the conventions as practiced in the company over the years.

We suspect that as election 2020 draws closer, leadership and for that matter government is trying to use this oath of secrecy to gag employees from speaking out against acts that have the tendency to cause harm to the effective operations of GRIDCo hence, this dictatorial tendencies being displayed by government and Management of GRIDCo.

By this release, the Minority in Parliament Demands Management of GRIDCo and President Nana Akufo-Addo as a matter of urgency halt this proposed oath of secrecy as its application is a breach on the freedom of speech of employees, affront to the Right to Information Act and a dent on our growing democracy.

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