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The Special Prosecutor

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Dear Sir,

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PETITION TO INVESTIGATE THE ILLEGALITY AND CORRUPTION ASSOCIATED WITH THE COLLECTION, LODGEMENT AND RETENTION OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS INTO A PRIVATE COMPANY ACCOUNT - 1300034241617

Respectfully, I write to invoke the powers of your esteemed office, to urgently investigate the illegality and corruption associated with the **collection, lodgement and retention of Government Funds** into the private company account of Digital City Solutions Ltd (DCS) – **1300034241617 (Fidelity Bank, Ridge Towers Branch)**, contrary to the officially published GoG account myassembly.gov.gh by the Commissioner General of Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) for the collection, lodgement and retention of Property Rate Taxes for and on behalf of Metropolitan/Municipal/District Assemblies (MMDAs) across the country.

Please sir, the so-called myassembly.gov.gh payment platform is nothing but a decoy account created and solely managed on a day-to-day basis by DCS, and neither the GRA nor any of the MMDAs is on it. This so-called GoG payment platform to the best of our knowledge has not been approved for the collection, lodgement and retention of GoG funds by the **Parliament of Ghana**. The ulterior motive of the platform was to deliberately deceive the rate paying public into believing it was the official GoG account to collect their property rate taxes effective 2023.

Please sir, as if that is not enough, the illegal payment platform is being used as a channel to **SECRETLY** (with the tacit connivance and endorsement of the GRA Commissioner General) divert all payments (GoG Funds) into the DCS private company account as aforementioned, instead of the **Consolidated Fund** (GRA Act, 2009. Act 791) or directly into the **MMDAs Accounts** (Local Governance Act, 2016. Act 936).

Please sir, it will interest you to know, that DCS deducts its 30 percent Commission from the GoG funds in its custody **AT SOURCE** without any audit nor any payment of taxes to GRA.

ChaLoG wishes to officially draw your attention to this illegality which undoubtedly flies in the face of the **Public Financial Management Act 2016. (Act 921)** and the associated corruption and under declaration of the 70% share of funds of the MMDAs, thereby negatively affecting the execution of developmental projects across the country.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully



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Minister of Finance

Chairman/Ranking Member, Parliamentary Select Committee on Local Government

Commissioner General, GRA

Managing Director, DCS

President, ChaLoG