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A STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH POLITICAL PARTIES AHEAD OF MAY 5TH DEMONSTRATION TO DEFEND GHANA'S DEMOCRACY

The Country is indeed tense over the recent unlawful suspension of Ghana's Chief Justice and the politically motivated termination of appointments of public servants. To this, the Minority Caucus in Parliament stands in firm solidarity with the political parties who have called for a nationwide demonstration on Monday, 5th May, 2025 to defend our democracy.

The demonstration—led by the New Patriotic Party (NPP), Liberal Party of Ghana (LPG), National Democratic Party (NDP), People's National Party (PNP), and other like-minded political organizations—is not just a political action, but a constitutional imperative. It seeks to draw the attention of the nation and the international community to the increasing threats to judicial independence, constitutional order, and democratic governance in Ghana.

The Minority Caucus echoes those concerns that are sending patriotic Ghanaians to the streets, to be seen and heard by all, in a single cry for order and sanity in our governance today. The concerns that the blatant disregard for legal processes and the growing trend of judicial intimidation, as witnessed in the Chief Justice's suspension, represents a direct assault on the progress made in our legacy of democratic governance and rule of law. Be it an attempt to create an environment to conveniently reinterpret Article 66(2) of the Constitution—to pave the way for a third-term presidential bid by former President John Mahama—such orchestrations are a clear abuse of the power and trust the people of Ghana place in the hands of the executive.

Similarly, the unlawful termination of public servants under the guise of political change is a blow to national stability, professional integrity, and economic justice. It is unacceptable for such actions to take root and characterize the period of a change of administration, knowing with certainty the negative effects those decisions have on the youth and more so knowing it is the injudicious motive of perceived affiliations that fuel this agenda. Other equally troubling concerns are indications that there are plans in motion to remove the Chairperson of the Electoral Commission and her deputies. Consequently, these actions, if allowed to proceed, risk plunging Ghana into a crisis of legitimacy.

Nonetheless, the Caucus is again strengthened by this protest which is in tandem with the very calls many of our Members have made on the floor of the House in its 1st Meeting to narrate the adverse effects such executive decisions are having on the ordinary citizens who are losing their jobs. History has shown us the consequences of silence in the face of democratic backsliding and We cannot afford to ignore the repetition of these dangerous patterns. We strongly reject these developments and all attempts to manipulate constitutional provisions or tamper with the impartiality of the judiciary.

We therefore stand in solidarity with the political parties, together with every citizen who cherishes democracy, to urge the peaceful protestors on. This is not about partisanship. This is about principle. It is about preserving the rule of law, ensuring the independence of the judiciary, and protecting the constitutional fabric of our beloved nation.

We must rise in unity and resolve, not as spectators, but as defenders of the Republic. The time to act is now.

Signed,

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