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Please Veriew and

RE: PETITION TO THE SENATE CONCERNING THE CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA TO ESTABLISH BANKNOTES/COINS THAT VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND THE BLIND PERSONS CAN IDENTIFY.

1/We the undersigned citizens of Kenya and in particular the visually impaired persons of Kenya.

DRAW the attention of the house to the following.

I.THAT there has been an increase in the population of persons born visually impaired or blind in Kenya. According to a research conducted by World Health Organisation (WHO) in 2016, the numbers have risen to a tune of 274,000 persons.

II.THAT there has been unending struggle to stop discrimination for persons with disabilities among them; currency discrimination.

III THAT the visually impaired and the blind persons cannot be able to differentiate by a way of touch/feel the currency being used in our Kenya. This has been a major setback to the ability to transact business freely.

IV. THAT the visually impaired and the blind have difficulties in accessing banks and ATMs. This has rendered them not efficient in transacting their business locally.

V.THAT the National Government have not formulated and implemented favorable policies that take into account the rights of the visually impaired and blind persons with regard to ability to easily identify, access and use the Kenyan currency.

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THEREFORE, your humble petitioner PRAYS that:

- I. The CBK to come up currency easily identified by the above category of people.
- II. To print different denominations varying in size, colour, texture easily identifiable by the visually impaired and blind persons.
- III. To formulate policies that govern printing, circulation, access and use of currency easily identifiable by the visually impaired and blind persons.
- IV. To establish ATMs that are friendly to the visually impaired and blind persons

And your PETITIONER will ever Pray

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