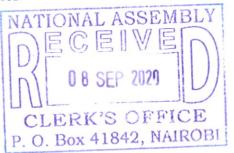


GITUAMBA LAND IN KINYONA WARD OF MURANG'A COUNTY

I, the UNDERSIGNED, on behalf of residents of Kinyona Ward in Murang'a County;

DRAW the attention of the House to the following: -

- THAT, over 65 acres of land in Gituamba area of Kinyona Ward of Kigumo Constituency, Murang'a County that was originally owned by the petitioners' grandparents as ancestral land under Land Reference Number LR/KINYONA/LOC/2/786 were allocated for tea nurseries and agricultural-related research and held in trust by the Murang'a County Council on behalf of area residents;
- 2) **THAT,** in 1962, the Murang'a County Council leased the said land to the Special Crop Development Authority for a period of 99 Years;
- 3) **THAT,** the Special Crop Development Authority was later renamed first as the Kenya Tea Development Authority, then as the Kenya Tea Development Agency and finally to its current name as the Kenya Tea Development Agency Holdings;
- 4) **THAT,** the Community's original intention in allocating the land was the setting up of tea tree nurseries as well as establishment of a public tea research institute, and not for the growth of Eucalyptus trees for KTDA's fuel program as is currently the case;
- 5) **THAT,** the said land was held as public land to be utilized for public interest but its use has for years been diverted and used for private interests by the Kenya Tea Development Agency Holdings or its subsidiary companies that are privately-registered entities;
- 6) **THAT**, the Eucalyptus trees have created a dense forest cover that poses perennial security concerns ranging from attacks by wild animals, rape cases as well as being used as a hiding place for stolen properties'





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- 7) **THAT,** as a consequence to the planting of the water-consuming Eucalyptus trees, the Kinyona River has reduced its water volumes and water flow downstream hence affecting irrigation and the general ecosystem of the area;
- THAT, during the recent El-Nino rains, several trees fell across the busy Mununga Kinyona Road thereby affecting transport and communication in the entire area;
- 9) **THAT**, failure to utilize the land for its original purpose continues to cause unwarranted distress, anguish and inconvenience to the residents of Kinyona Ward;
- 10) THAT, efforts to have these concerns addressed by relevant authorities have not borne fruit;
- 11) **AND THAT,** the matters raised in this petition are not pending before any court of law, constitutional or legal body.

THEREFORE, your humble Petitioners pray that the National Assembly through the 'Departmental Committee on Lands:

- i. Investigates the irregular change of the use of the land from public use to private use by Kenya Tea Development Agency Holdings;
- ii. Enquiries into the matter with the objective of ascertaining LR/KINYONA/LOC/2/786 as a public land in conjunction with the National Land Commission;
- iii. Directs KTDA Holdings to revert to the original objective of establishment of a public agricultural research institute and a tea tree nursery (Gituamba Tea Nursery and Factory), failure to which KTDA's land lease is to be revoked forthwith;.
- Make recommendations to protect the socio-economic interests of people of Kinyona Ward as well as resolutions to protect the environment from negative effects occasioned by KTDA's wood fuel planting, and
- v. Makes any other orders that it deems appropriate in light of the circumstances outlined in this Petition.

And your **PETITIONERS** will ever pray.

PRESENTED BY

THE HON. SABINA WANJIRU MAITU CHEGE, MP MEMBER FOR MURANG'A COUNTY

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