

THE CLERK OF THE SENATE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS P.O.BOX 41842-00100 NAIROBI 1 2 OCT 2018

Pate: 11th October 2018

RE: PETITION TO THE SENATE CONCERNING FARMERS OF COFFEE, TEA AND MACADAMIA IN KENYA.

We, the undersigned, Charles Karumba, Harrison Mun Maina.

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Citizens of the Republic of Kenya and residents of Nyeri County;

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DIRECTOR LEGISLATIVE AND
PROCEDURAL SERVICES

DRAW the attention of the Senate to the following

1. **THAT**, we humbly request the Government to look into the wellbeing of Coffee, Tea and Macadamia farmers country-wide.

1.1. **THAT**, the farmers have been going through hard times in the hands of the Cartels (brokers) and many farmers have abandoned cash crop farming.

1.2. **THAT**, the above mentioned cash crops are part of the backbone / of our economy and therefore it is our pleasure to request all stakeholders including the state to now reach a turning point and stop the brokers from sabotaging our economy.

1.3. **THAT**, farming of coffee and tea can be revamped to create the much required jobs.

In this regard we further urge this hounarable house for assistance towards eliminating the brokers to the benefit of the farmers.

- 2. **THAT**, the petitioners want the government to restructure the Agricultural and Food Authority (AFFA).
- 2.1. **THAT**, the humble petitioners want this house to look into various authorities attached to farming and if possible restructure them for the goodwill of farmers.
- 2.2. **THAT**, the humble petitioners want this house to rebalance the profits in terms of capping in that the crops have good prices but the capping that has been set, does not benefit farmers.
- 3. **THAT**, the humble Petitioners want the house to look into the farmers Assets country-wide which includes;
 - I. KPCU properties and its accounts
 - II. Pyrethrum Board and its assets

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- Kenya Farmers Association (KFA) assets and III.
- THAT, the humble petitioners want the house to look into our proposals on guaranteed minimum return on coffee and Tea

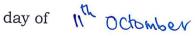
(Especially on Coffee the farmers would want to get a guarantee of a minimum pay of KShs. 300/- per Kilo.)

- 4.1. THAT, the humble Petitioners want the state to look into the unfair format of our crops in particular the marketing clause where licensing is done by the Cabinet Secretary to chosen companies instead of setting the market free.
- 4.2. **THAT**, the humble petitioners want the house to check the crops act on Macadamia and in particular article 43 of the Macadamia Act where the petitioner wish that the same would be removed.
- 5. THAT, we the Petitioners herein have made the best efforts to have these matters addressed by the relevant authorities all of which have failed to give satisfactory response.
- 6. **THAT**, none of the issues raised in this petition is pending in any court of law constitutional or any other legal body.

WHEREFORE, your humble petitioners pray that the senate -

- 1. Looks into various Agricultural & Food Authorities in view of restructuring them.
- 2. Looks into the capping regulations of profits concerning these crops to enable the farmers realize benefit from farming.
- 3. Reviews the licensing policies of these crops and make the market open to all.
- Repeals article 43 of the Macadamia Act.
- Provides assistance in eliminating Brokers.

DATED at **NAIROBI** this



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