

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
VELFTH PARLIAMENT (FOURTH SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**PUBLIC PETITION** 

(No. 39 of 2020)

## REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF A RETIREMENT PACKAGE FOR THE AUDITOR GENERAL

I, the UNDERSIGNED, on behalf of several Citizens of the Republic of Kenya;

**DRAW** the attention of the House to the following: -

- 1. **THAT,** the Office of the Auditor General is an independent office established under Article 229 of the Constitution and Section 4 of the Public Audit Act;
- 2. **THAT,** the Office of the Auditor General is mandated to audit accounts of National and County governments, courts, Commissions and independent offices, Parliament, Political Parties and accounts of any entity as required by law, and submit reports to Parliament and also to give assurance on the effectiveness of internal controls, risk management and overall governance at national and county government;
- 3. **THAT,** the Office can only serve as a tool in the checks and balances of public accountability and promote such accountability when it discharges the mandate independently and in a manner that inspires trust;
- 4. **THAT,** the holders of the Office must be given constitutional safeguards beyond the fixed term of service of 8 years so that they are insulated from exigencies that may compromise their independence and integrity during their term in office, guarantee personal and financial security of outgoing Auditors General, protect them from potential retaliatory actions and safeguard the dignity of the Office;
- 5. **THAT,** legislation of post service benefits of the holder of the Office of the Auditor General is of utmost importance and necessity to enable and ensure the Auditor General's independence;

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- THAT, there is need for parity in treatment as per the structure of Government and the equivalent levels thereto by inclusion of the Auditor General's post service benefits in the Retirement Benefits (Deputy President and Designated State Officers) Act;
- 7. **THAT,** efforts to have this matter addressed by the relevant authorities have been futile;
- 8. **AND THAT,** the matter in respect of which this petition is made is not pending before any Court of Law or Constitutional body.

**NOW THEREFORE**, your humble petitioners pray that the National Assembly through the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning: -

- (i) Enquires into the matter with a view of recommending a retirement benefit package befitting the stature and risk of the Office holder;
- (ii) Legislates the Retirement benefits of the Auditor General through amendment of the Retirement Benefits (Deputy President and Designated State Officers) Act; and
- (iii) Makes any other recommendations it deems appropriate in the circumstances of the Petition.

And your **PETITIONERS** will ever pray.

#### PRESENTED BY

HON. JOHN KIARIE WAWERU, MP

MEMBER FOR DAGORETTI SOUTH CONSTITUENCY

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I, the UNDERSIGNED, on behalf of the several Citizens of the Republic of Kenya;

**DRAW** the attention of the House to the following: -

- 1. **THAT,** Article 10(2) of the Constitution identifies inclusiveness as part of the pillars constituting the national values and principles of governance;
- 2. **THAT,** the Office of the Auditor General is an independent office created by the Constitution of Kenya under Article 229.
- 3. **THAT,** the Office of the Auditor is mandated to audit accounts of the national and county governments, courts, constitutional offices, Parliament, Political Parties and accounts of any entity as required by any law;
- 4. **THAT,** the Auditor General is a Public Officer is appointed pursuant to the provisions of Article 229(1) of the Constitution and section 11(8) of the Public Audit Act, 2015;
- THAT, among other roles, the Auditor General is required audit the accounts of government entities and submit report to Parliament and also to give assurance on the effectiveness of internal controls, risk management and overall governance at national and county government;
- 6. **THAT**, the Auditor-General holds office for a term of eight years and which is not renewable;
- THAT, the Auditor General having served the Republic of Kenya diligently ought to be allocate an attractive retirement package;

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- 8. **CONCERNED THAT**, the Auditor General is not entitled to any retirement package and unlike other public officers who are enjoy such packages;
- 9. **THAT,** efforts to address this matter with relevant authorities have not borne much fruit;
- 10. **AND THAT,** the matter in respect of which this petition is made is not pending before any Court of Law or Constitutional body.

**NOW THEREFORE**, your humble petitioners pray that the National Assembly through the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning: -

- (i) Enquires into the matter with a view of recommending an attractive retirement benefit package; and
- (ii) Makes any other recommendations it deems appropriate in the circumstances of the Petition.

And your **PETITIONERS** will ever pray.

PRESENTED BY

HON. JOHN KIARIE WAWERU, MP				
MEMBER FOR	<b>DAGORETTI SOUTH</b>	<b>CONSTITUENCY</b>		

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We, the undersigned, hereby append our signatures in support of this Petition:

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