Petition to the Senate by Hon. Stephen M. Musili & Hon. Johnson M. Kanandu concerning Closure of Kyuso Level iv Hospital

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RE: PETITION TO THE SENATE CONCERNING CLOSURE OF KYUSO LEVEL IV HOSPITAL

I/We, the undersigned,

Citizens of the Republic of Kenya, and residents of Mwingi North Constituency

DRAW the attention of the Senate to the following:

- 1. **THAT**, Kyuso Level IV Hospital in Mwingi North sub-county was closed on 03/09/2019 citing alleged insecurity for a section of staff;
- 2. THAT, security officers on the ground have dismissed reports of the alleged insecurity, saying that no such reports have been made to them;
- THAT, the facility offers medical care to the residents of the five (5) wards of Mwingi North.
- 4. THAT, Article 43(1) of the Constitution provides that every person has a right to the highest attainable standard of health, which includes the right to health care services;
- 5. THAT, the people of Kyuso Ward and Mwingi North at large have been denied their right of access to Primary Health Care by the closure of the facility;
- 6. **THAT**, continued closure of the facility increases the likelihood of life threatening illnesses causing irreversible damages or even death;
- 7. **THAT**, expectant mothers in Kyuso and Mwingi North are at risk when delivering due to the lack of health services in the area;
- THAT, Kyuso Level IV Hospital being the main drug supply centre to other health facilities in Mwingi North, its closure has caused shortage of drugs in these subsidiary facilities and as such citizens are not able to access adequate medical care

- 9. **THAT,** we have made the best efforts to have this matter addressed by the relevant authorities all of which have failed to give a satisfactory response.
- 10. **THAT**, none of these 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. Investigates the matter with a view of determining the cause of the closure of Kyuso Level IV Hospital;
- 2. Causes the Hospital to be reopened;
- 3. Puts in place long term measures to ensure that other health facilities in the county are upgraded to Level IV hospitals to ease pressure on the Kyuso Level IV hospital; and
- 4. Causes to have in place special interim medical care for patients suffering from chronic illnesses whose condition may deteriorate due to this closure as the matter is being sorted out.

Dated this 9th day of September, 2019.

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