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Dear *Elly*,

**RE: PETITION TO THE SENATE ON PEACEFUL ELECTIONS AND UNITY OF
THE NATION**

I acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter on the above subject matter.

This is to inform you that the contents of the letter have been noted, and copies of the letter made available to Hon. Senators.

Yours *Sincerely,*

M. A. MOHAMED,
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK,
FOR: CLERK OF THE SENATE

THE SPEAKER
SENATE.

③ Charles

24-3-2017

Please look at
this petition
and deal
with it
29/03/17

Dear Sir

RE: REQUEST.



Although I have written to all Senators
through your office, I was not able
to produce enough copies for each
of them. I am therefore kindly
requesting you to produce more
copies on my behalf and distribute
them.

Yours
Charles.
Ely Ochoa.

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Please deal.
29/3/17

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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

THROUGH: SPEAKER (SENATE)

SUBJECT: MY PRAYERS IN REGARD TO PEACEFUL ELECTION AND

UNITY OF OUR NATION / COMMUNITIES

DATE: 22ND MARCH 2017

While thanking our heavenly father once more for this rare opportunity which he has accorded me, I wish to introduce myself as a Kenyan born in Siaya County more than sixty years ago a husband and a father. A born again Christian who has not only lived to date but also went to school and worked with various employers in Nakuru town and else where. I desire to bring to your attention the fact that I am a man whose sanity, integrity and characters have never been a subject of doubt throughout my life.

Having introduced myself as such, I do also confirm that I am currently not aligned to any political party for simple reason that I have chosen the path of peace and unity because of my belief that it is where our greatest asset is going to be as a nation.

This has been a matter of major concern which has not only tortured my minds but also compelled me to write letters on the same regard to various prominent personalities including the church leaders namely:-

1. The Secretary general (National Council of Churches of Kenya).
2. The Chairman (Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops).

3. The Chairman (Evangelical Churches of Kenya).
4. The Chairman (National Cohesion and integration Commission).
5. All County Governors thro the chairman (COG)

In taking this course of action, unfortunately it has never been my intention to seek for personal financial gains as it may be the perception, but I took consideration the following facts:-

- (a) That the security risks posed by the Alshabab terrorists and the fact that they have gone to the extent of recruiting our own sons and daughters, ought to be good reasons enough to prohibit any patriotic Kenyan / Kenyans who have the people and the country at heart from making negative political statements or utterances which may be tantamount to inciting our communities against each other and or acting in a manner which could be construed to mean the same during this sensitive period of elections.
- (b) That the alarming negative ethnicity among our respective communities no longer requires the empty lip services which Kenyans have been subjected to by our political leaders but rather a firm action which could help reduce the same to a manageable level before we go to the ballot.
- (c) That the bitter feelings among different communities over what has been oftenly referred to as historical injustices requires wise and positive approach so that Kenyans may realize their dream of having peaceful elections come August 2017.
- (d) That the current political affairs prevailing in the country does not only dictate but also demands that any Kenyan who values the importance of peace and unity whether high or low, ought to undertake the responsibility of ensuring that our next elections are not only going to be peaceful and credible but also a success to the country and the entire continent of Africa.
- (e) That the people of Kenya are not only pervading the mood of fear and uncertainty due to our divisive politics, but also crying for the unity of their nation.

Hon Sirs, although I have been alone ranger in this noble mission of peace and unity, I have realized that it is increasingly becoming enormous day by day due to

the rampant negative statements or utterances which are oftenly made by some of our respected politicians in their political rallies held in various parts of the country thus compelling me to pray for your support in regard to the same. However I must also with due respect bring to your attention the fact that as much as I may be in need of your serious support, the same is not going to be in your finances but rather in your:-

- (a) Peaceful, unifying and issue based campaigns which ought to be free from attacks on individual leaders, negative name tags and or insults for the sake of peace and unity of our communities.
- (b) Peaceful campaigns which should not only be aimed at selling your good policies or manifestos but also encouraging our different communities to live in love, peace and unity. Let what befell our country in the year 2007/2008 not escape our memory as we approach the next elections. It was our lowest and darkest moment since independence during which we lost not only our fathers and mothers but also our brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, properties and businesses to the violence. Our innocent children were not only orphaned but also killed. Our surviving mothers, wives and daughters in law were mercilessly widowed, whereas our fathers were miserably left widowers. Yet for those who survived by the grace of God life has been made difficult as some continue to live without hope for the future due to the economic hardships which they are going through as a result.

They have continued to accrue house rent arrears. Whereas school fees for their children and hospital bills are not longer affordable to them. Starting a small family business which could help them feed well has become un-achievable dream due to lack

Some of them live on one meal a day and sometimes without as they continue to wait for compensation from the government in vain. We shed innocent and humble bloods burnt houses and churches of God because of our personal interests without knowing that they too would not only haunt but also demand answers from us before God on the judgment day unless we repent.

Our people were made to become refugees in their own country by simple words of our mouths, they braved the hot suns and chilly nights in their living tents away from their homes, some succumbed to the poor condition in the IDP camps. It all began the same way it has today with insults, hate speeches and character assassinations during the political rallies which were held across the country. Hon Sirs, it is in light of the facts that I wish to draw your attention to the fact that the country can not afford to have more orphans, widows and widowers more than the number we got from the infamous post election chaos of 2007/2008. It is in this regard that, I do therefore beseech you to put in place very highly talented and unifying campaign machineries aimed at ensuring peaceful campaigns and harmonious co-existence among communities during and after the next elections.

I am equally knowledgeable of the fact that as human beings, we have our strengths and weaknesses, some may be gifted in organizing for chaos and some in organizing for protests both which have always ended up in loss of innocent lives and properties. I urge ourselves to listen to what God is telling us through his servants Isaiah chapter 47:8 *"THEREFORE HEAR THIS NOW, YOU WHO ARE GIVEN TO PLEASURE, WHO DUEL SECURELY, WHO SAY IN YOUR HEART, I AM AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BESIDES ME. I SHALL NOT SIT AS A WIDOW, NEITHER SHALL I KNOW THE LOSS OF CHILDREN. BUT THESE TWO THINGS, SHALL COME TO YOU IN A MOMENT, IN ONE DAY THE LOSS OF CHILDREN AND THE WIDOWHOOD. THEY SHALL COME TO YOU IN THEIR FULLNESS BECAUSE OF THE MULTITUDE OF YOUR SORCERIES FOR THE GREAT ABUNDANCE OF YOUR ENCHANTMENTS.*

Hon Sirs as you prepare yourselves for the tedious and vigorous campaigns in defence of your Senatorial seats, I pray that you go do it with the people and the country at heart for the sake of peace and unity of our nation. Do not only prioritize but also preach honest message of love, peace and unity to our communities as a way of appreciating the love of God who in his own wisdom, gave you the opportunity to lead and serve his people and the nation in your current capacities I promise to continue praying for your mercy and

love for the people of Kenya because in love there is mercy and kindness. Love does not envy, love does not behave rudely and neither does it think evil.

Love does not rejoice in iniquity but rejoices in the truth, love does not discriminate and neither does it revenge, love does not seek its own but loves everybody. It is the same love which I am beseeching you to extend to the people of Kenya in the name of our Lord Jesus. Let the will of God prevail in your endeavours. Fear not the loss of elections do not only console yourselves but also seek for solace in our President's assurance that there are many jobs in the government. You could be among the luckiest to land on the most lucrative ones.

While appreciating the fact that the country is fighting several dangerous wars ranging from terrorism, corruption, drugs to internal insecurity it is my prayer that you do not give up on our long desired national unity which has continued to elude us to date. In this regard, it is therefore my view that we consider the following so as to achieve the same.

- (a) Refusal to continue living retrogressively in the past differences of our national founding fathers for the benefits of the current and the future generations.
- (b) Respecting the institutions and officers created by our constitution such as the presidency and the opposition.
- (c) Genuine fight against negative tribalism which has not only divided us but also continue to deny our youths job opportunities both in public and private sectors.
- (d) Discouraging ourselves from being appreciated by our community members as fearless ethnic political heroes who shall have courageously and shamelessly insulted everybody by the end of the day including the president and his deputy, the former prime minister right Hon. Raila Odinga. The former vice president Hon. Kalonzo Musioka, the former deputy prime minister Hon. Musalima Mudavadi, Hon Senator Moses Wetangula and other leaders so as to please some few individuals either in Jubilee or Cord at the expense of peace and unity of our nation.

Whereas we are all aware that each of us shall have his / her preferred Presidential candidates in the forth coming elections, the biggest question is, how shameless shall we be to go and campaign for them among the communities whose leaders we had publicly insulted without expecting retaliations votes against us? May God bless those of us who are able to look into our tomorrow's good relationship for the sake of peace rather than today's.

Sir's as far as now is concerned, It is so much dreading that the people of this great nation which God loves so much, should yet again go to the next election a divided people under your God given able leadership and probably disagree over the fairness and the credibility of the whole process at the detriment of our lives a fact which leaves me wishing that:-

- (i) If I were you, we could have collectively considered the postponement of the elections for an agreed period of time during which we could have directed all our efforts and energies towards reconciling our divided communities with a view to enhancing cohesion for the sake of peace and unity among them.
- (ii) We could have seen the wisdom in our collective willingness to satisfactorily address all the contentious issues related to the forth coming elections with a view to encouraging the would be election losers to hug and shake hands with the winners as they concede defeat peacefully without subjecting the country to unwarranted petitionous, worries and tensions.
- (iii) We could have relooked at our elections laws with a view to empowering the IEBC commissioners to disqualify any aspiring candidates who shall be found to have armed our youths or any illegal gangs against innocent Kenyans and or incited our communities against each other during the electioneering period.
- (iv) We could have collectively considered the importance of giving the IEBC commissioners more time for preparations on grounds that the legal challenges they are encountering in our courts, the push and the hurry in which they are so as to meet the time lines, may not allow them to

competently conduct an acceptable fair, free and credible elections. So as to limit litigation cases after the election results.

- (v) We could have considered a collective but positive approach towards bringing together all our political party leaders for unity talks and the wayforward regarding peaceful elections with a view to assuring Kenyans of the safety of their lives and properties during and after the August 2017 elections.
- (vi) We could have considered rolling out civic educational rallies targeting the youths with a view to creating awareness among them so that they could understand well, the negative repercussions of taking up dangerous job opportunities in violence when called upon during the campaigns periods by the enemies of peace.
- (vii) We could have courageously requested his Excellency the president of the republic of Kenya Hon Uhuru Kenyatta and the opposition leader Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga to consider the importance of uniting the country before the elections because the political temperature, the war drums being beaten and the chest thumping being witnessed in the country, no longer require the good services of sychophants or jesters but truthful men and women who shall tell our leaders the truth about the delicate political situation on the ground and the negative ethnic attitude which in my own opinion could degenerate into chaos unless wisely handled.

If I were you, we could have collectively considered the importance of addressing the perennial political animosity existing between the kikuyu and the luo communities which has not only become a threat to our stability and unity but also a shame to the entire nation.

- A shame in the sense that they are unable to appreciate themselves despite the fact that their founding fathers of the nation fought together for our freedom both politically and physically.

- Ashame in the sense that they have continued to cause their community members panic and disruption of their businesses every years of elections due to their long standing political animosity which could be easily solved through forgiveness once their leaders are able trace and deal with the root cause of the same.
- Ashame in the sense that they are unable to realize how important they are to each other despite the fact that they relate well in terms of business.

Hons, kindly allow me to draw to your attention once more again to the fact that it leaves me a flabbergasted and hopeless man in a civilized nation such as ours to imagine that soon our men and women from the central Kenya who have not only given us a back up in transport industry in our regions but also sell us essential food commodities, household goods, second hand clothes, shoes etc in our markets both in the Luo Nyanza, Kisii, Western, Rift Valley and other parts of the country, should be forced to leave for their respective counties or regions as their counterparts from the Luo Nyanza who have served their interests well in their capacities as good doctors, managers, engineers, Auditors/ Accountants, furniture makers, masons, building stones dressers, tailors, tenants etc should also turn to be their common enemies because of our political differences. It is in this regard that I do therefore wish to inform all of you that I am not only sorrowful but also apologetic for having found myself placed in an awkward situation where I have been compelled to temporarily abdicate my desire for unity which brings all our communities together so as to plead with all political leaders from across the county to work on the possible modalities which could see the two communities reconciled before their differences become a bomb shell which may affect those who are not part of it during or after the elections.

While pursuing the same it is also my desire to beg for your permission to enlist as follows, some of the most glaring examples of how some of you (members of National Assembly) have obviously divided not only the country but also heightened the level of

ethnic animosity among the Kenyan communities against their wishes. The same are as listed here under:-

Example I

When the President of the republic of Kenya his excellency Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta was disrespectfully whistled down in parliament sometimes back last year by the members whose majority happened to come from the same region, it was the bitter talk of the town among his (Kenyatta's) community members in Nakuru town and I believe that it was the same in other towns too..

Example II

When he the right Hon Raila Odinga commented on ICC court decision to terminate the case against the deputy president Hon William Ruto, it was the same bitterness among the Kalenjin community members and the question was whether Raila Odinga was still interested in their votes.

Example III

Whenever he, Hon. Raila is attacked in parliament where he can not defend himself and or called a witch publicly in political rallies the Luo's and other supporters have always felt the same bitterness.

These are just but a few examples of how the political leaders of yourselves have divided our communities along tribal lines thus heightening the level of hatred among them.

Having given the above faithful examples, it is my honest belief that the same shall persuade our politicians across the country to preach genuine messages of peace and unity during their campaigns so that Kenyans are not put at loggerheads with each other.

I pray that we all go to our graves one day a happy and proud people who shall have served the will of God while on earth and left behind a united nation which shall not know tribe, colour or religion.

- A united nation where the rich and the poor shall be treated equally by the laws of the land.
- A united nation where our communities shall co-exist harmoniously and live peacefully anywhere within the republic.

A united nation where the government appointments and development projects shall be distributed equally for the purposes of the enhancement of national cohesion.

Hon Sirs, while thanking the electoral commissioners in advance for their determination to conduct a record transparent, fair, free, peaceful and credible elections for the purposes of ensuring peace and unity among our communities, I am also by copy of this letter appealing to all Muslim and Christian church leaders across the country to monitor very closely and subsequently mobilize their faithfuls / followers to vote against any aspiring candidates who shall either incite Kenyans or make hate speeches during their campaigns.

Kindly take further note that by copy of the same, for the sake of peace and national unity I am respectfully pleading with both the Jubilee and NASA leaderships to refrain themselves from assuring Kenyans that they shall be subjected to questions on corruption should they win the next elections as this may cause further national disintegration. I challenge those who shall win the forthcoming elections to not only form a government of National unity but also move the country forward by preaching peace, love and forgiveness because it is the only way to go.

I am grateful to our father who is in heaven for giving me this great opportunity. Because of his love for the people of this great nation, I have had this prudent opportunity to write to the great men and women whom he (God) chose to lead us. Father I pray that you avail them time and wisdom to read this letter between the lines so that they may understand that I am not an enemy of their successes and prosperities but a poor Kenyan who is only crying for peaceful elections which shall culminate in the unity of our people. I pray that you bless all those who shall and including those who shall not appreciate

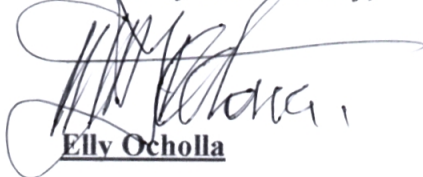
reading the same because they are all your children whom you love so much. I am aware that as we deny our offences in our earthly courts some of us shall want to deny receiving this letter before you on the judgement day. But father I am happy that the gates which I went through when delivering them, the doors the roofs, the walls the pillars of parliament and the angels of heaven shall be my witnesses. Hon members, I wish to remind you further that Kenyans are equally aware that we have both spoken and still continue to speak of peace and unity not of our fathers families but of our nation to which we all belong. I pray that we would rather assure ourselves that we have no choice but to ensure the same (unity) by taking the advantage of our forth coming elections which in my view should mark the beginning of our true national cohesion.

In conclusion, it is also my prayer to all our county Governors that they do every thing possible in ensuring that there shall be no Kenyans from different communities living within their counties who shall threatened because of his / her political party affiliation.

While apologizing for any inconveniences caused by this letter I wish to thank you in advance for your co-operation and good understanding.

Wishing you good luck in your campaigns.

I remain yours faithfully,



Elly Ocholla

N/B Remember that we are all duty bound to re-build a special relationship with our Almighty father (God) by ensuring a peaceful election in irrespective of our positions in public.

- C.c**
- (i) His Excellency the President
 - (ii) His Excellency Deputy President
 - (iii) Rt. Raila Odinga
 - (iv) Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka
 - (v) Hon. Musalia Mudavadi
 - (vi) The Interior C.S Hon. Nkaisery
 - (vii)** The Attorney General Hon. Pro. Githu Muigai.
 - (viii) The Chairman N.C.I.C
 - (ix) National Human Rights Commission.
 - (x) Law Society of Kenya
 - (xi) IEBC
 - (xii) Secretary General N.C.C.K.
 - (xiii) Chairman Evangelical Churches of Kenya
 - (xiv) Chairman Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops
 - (xv) Prophet Doctor David Owour (Holiness and Repentance Church.)
 - (xvi) Arch Bishop (A.C.K)
 - (xvii) Chief Justice
 - (xviii) DCI
 - (xix) Inspector General
 - (xx) Director of intelligence
 - (xxi) Director of Public Prosecution
 - (xxii) Speaker of National (Assembly)
 - (xxiii) Speaker of the Senate
 - (xxiv) Leader of the Majority and minority National assembly
 - (xxv)** Leader of the Majority and minority Senate.
 - (xxvi)** To all County Governors.
 - (xxvii)** Regional Coordinator (Rift valley)
 - (xviii) County Commissioner (Nakuru County)