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Michael R. Sialai
Clerk of the National Assembly,
Parliament of Kenya,
P.O. Box 41842 – 00100,
Nairobi.

Dear Clerk,

REF: HANSARD REPORT OF MOMBASA MPS' CONTRIBUTION TO DEBATES ON SGR DIRECTIVES, PORT PRIVATIZATION

The subject matter refers.

Several government policies, like the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) directives, which requires SGR-only haulage of cargo, have resulted in job losses and economic recession in Mombasa. Though the court suspended the latest SGR directive, which required cargos cleared in Naivasha, the government has done nothing to overturn the negative impact it had on Mombasa economy. There was an attempt by the government to privatize the second container terminal (CT2) until the court stopped it in 2019.

But there have been House motions over the subjects, all intended to seek answers on the catastrophic directives and government decisions. The mandate of the Members of Parliament (MP) is to represent, legislate and oversight. As such, Muslims for Human Rights (MUHURI) expects a thorough representation of Mombasa electorates by their MPs – since SGR orders have disproportionately affected them. Voters also expect such MPs to jealousy – and as per the law – guard their economic interests and rebuff punitive policies.

MUHURI, therefore, request that you furnish us with Hansard reports of all the House debates on SGR directives and the privatization of CT2 in the Twelfth Parliament. We intend to gauge the level of participation – if any – by Mombasa MPs – and take necessary action geared towards proper representation, based on the Hansard report.

Yours faithfully,

Khelef Khalifa
Chairman of the Board.