



MINORITY CAUCUS

PARLIAMENT OF GHANA

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**STATEMENT BY THE MINORITY IN PARLIAMENT ON THE RECEIPT OF A PETITION
FROM THE COALITION OF UNEMPLOYED GRADUATES WITH DISABILITIES**

The Minority Caucus in Parliament today received a petition from the Coalition of Unemployed Graduates with Disabilities. The petition was received on behalf of the Minority Caucus by the Deputy Minority Leader and Member of Parliament for Asokwa, Hon. Patricia Appiagyei, and was presented by the Coalition's Convener, Mr Gilbert Boateng Agyare.

The petition sets out three key demands:

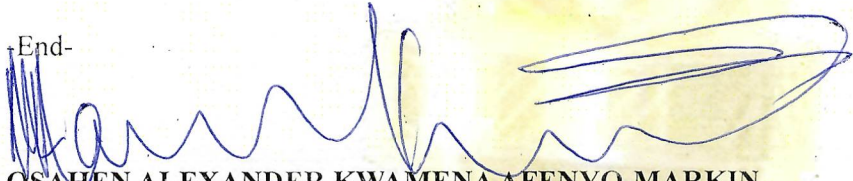
1. The immediate recruitment into the public service of qualified unemployed graduates on the Coalition's verified list;
2. Strict enforcement of the employment quota for persons with disability in public sector recruitment; and
3. The introduction of incentives for private sector employers who engage qualified persons with disability.

The Minority considers these concerns legitimate and firmly grounded in law. Article 29 of the 1992 Constitution guarantees disabled persons protection from exploitation and discrimination and expressly mandates Parliament to enact the laws necessary to enforce those rights, a mandate Parliament answered through the Persons with Disability Act, 2006 (Act 715). That Act obliges the State, through public employment centres, to assist persons with disability into work and grants tax rebates and special incentives to employers, private and public, who engage them. Article 17 further permits Parliament to pursue affirmative measures that redress social and economic imbalance, which is precisely what the Coalition's demands invite Parliament to strengthen.

The Minority reaffirms its commitment to championing policies that give real effect to these constitutional and statutory guarantees, close the gap between the law as written and the law as experienced, and create meaningful pathways for persons with disabilities to contribute fully to national development.

The Minority commends the Coalition for pursuing these concerns through the appropriate parliamentary channels and assures them that the petition will receive the attention it deserves, as Parliament works towards a Ghana where ability, competence and determination, not disability, define one's access to opportunity.

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