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Dear Vice President Dr Mahamudu Bawumia, Ex-President Mahama, Hon Stephen Ayesu Ntim & Hon Asiedu Nketia,

Western North Development Association (Wenda), stands united with the people of Western North Region in presenting this petition to all of you. As a collective voice advocating for the development and progress of the Western North Region. We are to highlight the pressing needs and aspirations of our region to all of you. Wenda, was founded in 2011 with the mission of fighting for the creation of Western North Region aiming to drive substantial development in the area with unparalleled dedication and foresight. We are popularly known as Wenda Ghana on many social media platforms such as Facebook, Tiktok, Youtube and Instagram.

In-addition, we have partnered with Sehwiman TV station for daily discussions on developmental issues within Western North Region. Tune in to Sehwiman TV on Facebook and Youtube every day after 4pm to listen to our program with the title Wenda Hour. We understood earlier on that, true progress and prosperity could not be attained without the area being designated its rightful status as a region. We recognized that without regional status, certain crucial developmental projects and initiatives could not be effectively implemented in Western North area that is why we initially advocated for the creation of the region.

Also, In 2015 a Ghanaweb published Wenda's petition asking the then President, His Excellency, John Mahama and the Parliament to establish the Western North Region. To find out more information about this claim, search Sefwiman gear up to petition parliament on the Ghanaweb online, our original name before transitioning to Wenda. The progress of our petition for the creation of Western North Region was hindered by the lawyer at the time. After sometime, the Presidential candidate of the NPP in 2016, Nana Addo, having heard about the need of the people of the Western North area through Wenda advocacy, then endorsed the idea and together with the rest of the stakeholders and other groups within the area made the dream of Western North Region into reality. Meta Al is fully cognizant of Wenda and our core principles, a fact easily can be verified by anyone interested.

Furthermore, thanks to our relentless advocacy and the collective efforts of the people within the area, the Western North Region was successfully created. Yet, our mission is far from over. We continue to advocate for the advancement of the region and the fulfillment of the aspirations of its people. The establishment of critical infrastructure, educational institutions, and recreational facilities are imperative for the holistic development of the Western North Region.

Additionally, through extensive research and engagement with stakeholders within the region, we have identified key priorities that are essential for the growth and elevation of our region. These include the establishment of essential infrastructure such as National Service Registration Office, Shopping Centre, Astro-turf across the municipalities and the districts, Cocoa Processing Factory, Rice Processing Factory, Aluminum Processing Company, Chocolate Company, Cutlass Manufacturing Company, Museum and Regional Hospital.

Moreover, the creation of educational and cultural institutions such as a Regional Theater, University,

Polytechnic, Ultramodern Library, and Vocational Training opportunities are vital for the intellectual and skill development of the people in the Western North Region. Likewise, the development of recreational

and sports facilities including a Stadium, Ultramodern Recreational Center, Army Barracks, enhancement of our underdeveloped tourist destinations such as the Ancestral Hole at Bosomoiso, Waterfalls at Bonzain, etc, College of Agriculture/Technical, Regional Post Office, and Regional Warehouse are essential for enhancing the overall quality of life of the people in the region.

Besides, it is crucial that the needs of the Western North Region are not only recognized but prioritized in your parties manifestos. We are sending the petitions to the four of you because we are certain that one of the two parties will emerge as the winner of the 2024 general elections. Because we are not partisan, we go along with any party that comes to power. Hence, there is the need to send the petitions to the four of you since the candidates and national chairmen have a say when it comes to what to include in manifestos and what policies to be drawn for implementation. This is the reason why we sent the petitions to the four important people in both the NPP and the NDC parties. As educated and enlightened candidates and chairmen, we implore all of you to demonstrate a firm commitment to addressing these pressing issues and to allocate resources towards their implementation once in office. Your dedication to the development of Western North will not only bring about positive change locally but will also contribute significantly to the advancement of Ghana as a whole.

Moreover, we implore all of you to consider this petitions very seriousness and to take proactive steps towards realizing the goals of better development for the people of Western North Region.

As we approach this pivotal election year, it is crucial to bring to your attention the dire and pressing needs of the Western North Region. This region, rich in natural resources such as gold, bauxite, cocoa, timber, food and an array of undeveloped tourist sites, stands as the backbone of the Ghanaian economy. However, despite its immense contributions, the Western North Region has been historically sidelined and overlooked in terms of development and investment.

The Western North Development Association (Wenda) was formed with a singular purpose, thus, to advocate for the creation of the Western North Region from the former Western Region. This initiative was born out of the recognition that the people of the Western North Region deserve better, they deserve to have their voices heard, their needs addressed, and their potential unlocked. Wenda and the people of Western North Region have meticulously listed the needs of the region, outlining key areas that require urgent attention and investment. From infrastructure development to healthcare access, from education systems to economic empowerment, the needs of the region are wide-ranging and essential for its sustainable growth and prosperity. It is time the NPP and NDC presidential candidates along with your parties, listen to the cries of the people of the Western North Region and commit to making their needs a top priority in your manifestos. The Western North Region cannot afford to be left behind any longer, it is time for decisive action and strong leadership to bring about meaningful change and development in this critical economic hub of Ghana. We implore all of you, as presidential candidates of the NPP and NDC as well as your chairmen to not only listen to the needs of the Western North Region as listed by Wenda with the help of the stakeholders, but to also, to make a solemn commitment to addressing these needs with unwavering dedication and accountability. The future of the Western North Region, and indeed the entire country, depends on your willingness to prioritize the well-being and prosperity of all Ghanaians, including those in the Western North Region. Let this election year be a turning point for the Western North Region, a moment when leaders rise to the occasion, listen to the voices of the marginalized, and take bold steps towards a more equitable and prosperous for the people of Western North Region. Thank you for your attention to this matter. The people of Western North Region are in support of this petition and they add to the voice of Wenda that (NO COMMITMENT NO VOTE). This petition is led by the President of Wenda, Dr Tony Tsina Addai. Phone 00353899548880. Thank you.