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Senator Nyonblee Karnga-Lawrence
Senate Pro Tempore
House of Senate
55th Liberian Legislature
Republic of Liberia.

Subject: Concerns Regarding the Selection of Nathaniel McGill as Head of the Senate Committee on Education

Dear Senator Lawrence:

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. First and foremost, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations on your election as Senate Pro Tempore of the 55th Legislature. Your victory is a testament to your dedication and commitment to public service.

I am writing to you on behalf of the Professional Educators Association of Liberia (PEAL) in collaboration with the National Teachers Association of Liberia (NTAL), the National Association of Liberia School Principals (NALSP), the National Parents Teachers Association of Liberia (NPTAL), the National Association of Private School Owners of Liberia, and the Concerned Education Workers of Liberia. Together, we represent a diverse group of stakeholders who are hugely investing in the advancement of the education sector in Liberia.

Our purpose in writing this letter is to express our profound indignation and concern regarding the recent selection of Nathaniel McGill as the head of the Senate Committee

on Education. As you may be aware, Mr. McGill is an individual who has been sanctioned by the United States of America. This decision, made at the onset of the 55th sitting of the House of Senate, has raised serious doubts about the future of the education sector in our country and has failed to inspire confidence among those who are tirelessly working towards its improvement.

As representatives of educators, principals, parents, teachers, and workers, we firmly believe that this appointment undermines the principles of accountability and integrity. Senator McGill lacks the moral standing required to effectively lead the committee responsible for shaping the educational landscape of Liberia. We are deeply concerned that his involvement may hinder the progress we have made thus far and impede the development of our education system.

Therefore, we respectfully call on the Senate to reconsider this appointment and instead select a qualified candidate who possesses the necessary expertise, commitment, and integrity to safeguard the future of education in Liberia. It is imperative that the individual leading the Senate Committee on Education is someone who can foster trust, promote transparency, and drive positive change in our educational institutions.


In light of these concerns, we kindly request a meeting with you at your earliest convenience. This meeting would provide us with an opportunity to further discuss the implications of this selection and explore potential avenues to address our shared concerns. We believe that open dialogue and collaboration are essential in charting a path forward that prioritizes the best interests of our students, teachers, parents, and the entire education community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to your favorable response. Together, we can work towards a brighter future for education in Liberia.

Yours sincerely,

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