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**RE: PETITION TO THE SENATE CONCERNING UNLAWFUL ROUNDING
UP, DETENTION, TRANSFER AND DUMPING OF STREET CHILDREN
BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAKURU**

We, the undersigned, citizens of the Republic of Kenya, and residents of Nakuru County;

Draw the attention of the Senate to the following:

1. **That**, on the night of 6th February, 2019, officials from the County Government of Nakuru rounded up forty-one street children from Nakuru town, held them in detention and, later that night, drove them into Chemasusu forest in Baringo County, where they dropped them off in groups of fours and fives, each group approximately a kilometer apart;
2. **That**, the said street children were ferried to Chemasusu Forest using two county government registered vehicles, that is KBR 801 and KBR 803U, driven by Joran Mbugua and Paul Musili, respectively;
3. **That**, while being rounded up, detained and ferried to Chemasusu Forest, the children were violently manhandled by the County Government officials and some lost their belongings in the process;
4. **That**, while thirty-six of the street children were recovered and returned to Nakuru, five of the children are still missing and unaccounted for;
5. **That**, since the said incident, the County Government officials have embarked on an elaborate scheme to defeat justice for the street children, including by bribing and intimidating potential witnesses. The Police officers in Nakuru have also failed to take action despite a formal complaint being lodged, under OB/No. 67/7/2/2019, and evidence presented to them;

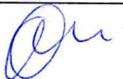

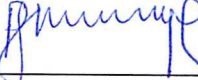
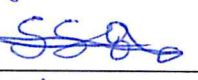

Petition to the Senate by residents of Nakuru County concerning unlawful rounding up, detention, transfer and dumping of street children by the County Government of Nakuru

6. **That**, the actions of the Nakuru County Government officials were in blatant violation of the Constitution, the Children's Act, and international treaties and conventions that Kenya is a party to regarding the protection and care of children;
7. **That**, we have made the best efforts to have these matters addressed by the relevant authorities, including the Children's Department in Nakuru and the National Police Service, all of which have failed to give a satisfactory response;
8. **That**, none of these issues raised in this Petition is pending in any court of Law, Constitutional or any other legal body.

WHEREFORE, your humble petitioners pray that the Senate urgently investigates this matter with a view to ensuring: -

- a) that the responsible authorities and officials are held to account;
- b) that the rights and welfare of the affected children are upheld; and
- c) that appropriate measures are taken, including necessary policy and legislative interventions, to ensure that street children across the country are treated with dignity, are protected from cruel and inhumane treatment, and are accorded the opportunity and social protection necessary to advance and become successful citizens contributing to the economy of the country.

Dated this 27th day of February 2019.

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Counter signed by Senator Susan Kihika, MP, Senator for Nakuru County.



**Sen. Susan W. Kihika, MP,
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