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RE: PETITION TO THE SENATE CONCERNING COVID-19 SITUATION IN KISUMU COUNTY AND KIBOS SUGAR FACTORY LIMITED AS A SUPER SPREADER

We, the undersigned, Citizens of the Republic of Kenya, residents working within Kisumu County **DRAW** the attention of the Senate to the following:

1. Negligence of immigration officers and spread of Covid-19 Indian Variant Virus in Kisumu County.

- 1.1. **THAT** sometimes in May 2021, the Ministry of Health reported that it had recorded the first five cases of the Indian Covid-19 Variant in the country
- 1.2. **THAT** the Ministry further confirmed that the Variant was confirmed from samples picked from Indian travelers working in the Western part of Kisumu.
- 1.3. THAT no further information was availed to the public regarding the containment and prevention measures taken by the Ministry upon this discovery and the whereabouts of the individuals
- 1.4. **THAT** we have established that the five Indians are employees of Kibos Sugar and continue to work at the said factory despite the threat that they pose to fellow employees, and the local community at large.
- 1.5. **THAT** subsequently, cases of Covid-19 have continued to rise at exponential rates in the country and in particular, the lake side city and by extension, counties in the lake region economic block.
- 1.6. **THAT**no action whatsoever, has ever been taken against the immigration officers who continue to put our nation at risk due to sheer negligence.

2. Operations at Kibos sugar factory

- 2.1. **THAT** in the recent past, several cases of Covid-19 continue to be reported in Kajulu ward in Kisumu County.
- 2.2. THAT this ward is home to Kibos Sugar Factory that has employed a number of residents from the area and continues to be a hot spot and has contributed to the rapid spread of the virus within Kajulu, Kisumu East constituency and its environs.
- 2.3. **THAT**cases of Covid-19 have continued to rise in Kajulu- Chiga area within Kisumu East Constituency with little or no action /measures being taken by the factory owners and the County government to address the matter to the detriment of the local citizens.
- 2.4. **THAT** despite the containment and measures put in place on 17th June 2021, very little has been done by the said factory to ensure that its employees and local residents are safe from the virus owing to the foreigners who continue to gain access into the factory without due processes being followed at the immigration offices.
- 2.5. **THAT** efforts by local residents to have the factory shutdown until the situation is brought under control have not borne any fruits.

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- 3. **THAT**, we have made the best efforts to have these matters addressed by the relevant authorities at the county level all of which have failed to give a satisfactory response.
- 4. **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:

- 1. Undertake Immediate investigations and/or inquiry into the allegations and responsible immigration officers be held responsible/accountable for putting the country at risk.
- 2. Undertake immediate investigations and /or inquiry into the operations of the Kibos Sugar factory and owners be held responsible for contributing to the spread of the Covid -19 Virus thereby putting the community and citizens at risk.
- 3. That the factory be temporarily shut down pending investigations of these issues to aid in the prevention and containment measures.

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