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29<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

The Executive Director  
The Center for Democratic Development  
95 Nortei Ababio Loop  
North Airport Residential Area  
Accra.

Dear Sir,

**RE: CORRUPTION WATCH / CDD REPORT ON VOTE BUYING DURING NPP PRIMARIES**

**- GEORGE NENYI ANDAH (MP) CITED**

Dear Sir,

I write on the instructions of my Client, **George Nenyi Andah** who is the incumbent Member of Parliament for Awutu Senya West Constituency, the NPP Parliamentary Candidate in Awutu Senya West Constituency for the 2020 Elections, and a Deputy Minister for Communications.

My Client's instructions are as follows:

1. On 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020, while he was performing duties in the Awutu Senya West Constituency, he received a call from a lady who introduced herself as Francisca Enchill, working for **CORRUPTION WATCH**, an affiliate of The Centre for Democratic Development – Ghana (CDD-Ghana).
2. Francisca informed him that the purpose of the call was to request for an interview to get his response on alleged findings made by **CORRUPTION WATCH** in respect of the NPP primaries held in the Awutu Senya West Constituency.
3. She claimed that CDD-Ghana had conducted "research" that indicated that my Client, Mr Andah had distributed an amount of GH¢1,000.00, a 32-inch Nasco flat screen TV and a standing fan to each delegate in his constituency.
4. My Client denied the allegations. He informed Francisca that the "research findings" could not be true – as he had not distributed any such item(s) during the NPP primaries. He further informed Francisca that this must be a baseless rumor that may have been concocted by



political opponents or their supporters to create disaffection for him amongst the delegates and the general public.

5. My Client being extremely unhappy with the false allegations, requested for details of the "research" to enable him present a formal reaction. Due to the seriousness he attached to the false allegations being put forward by CDD-Ghana, he cancelled all his programs in the constituency and immediately (same day as the call) drove to the CDD-Ghana office at Airport Residential Area, Accra.
6. At the office he requested to meet the person in charge at **CORRUPTION WATCH**. He was introduced to Dr. Kojo Asante. He informed Dr. Asante that in no uncertain terms that the alleged "research findings" were false and untrue. He challenged Dr. Asante to produce the **CORRUPTION WATCH**/ CDD-Ghana's investigative report and evidence of the findings so that he could officially refute same.
7. Dr. Asante and **CORRUPTION WATCH**/CDD-Ghana failed to give him the alleged report. They also failed show him evidence of the alleged vote buying. Nonetheless he clearly informed Dr. Asante that the alleged information was untrue, unverified, potentially defamatory and therefore could not be published.
8. Notwithstanding my Client's admonishing and **CORRUPTION WATCH** / CDD-Ghana's failure to provide him with the evidence, **CORRUPTION WATCH** / CDD-Ghana went ahead to publish the allegation.
9. In the publication, **CORRUPTION WATCH** cited an interview that my Client had with Joy FM's Kwesi Parker Wilson - after winning the primaries. However, in that interview, my Client stated that the National Party gave out some money to the delegates for transportation and that he (my Client), also provided a token for transportation as top up. At no point did my Client state that he had given any delegate the sum of money or the items published in the **CORRUPTION WATCH** report.
10. The **CORRUPTION WATCH** report has been widely circulated on various media platforms including Citi FM, Citi TV, Odekro (which is an organization that monitors and reports on parliament and parliamentarians).

As an organization that seeks to promote integrity in public life, **CORRUPTION WATCH**/CDD-Ghana are expected to uphold the same tenets of integrity in the discharge of their goals. The decision by **CORRUPTION WATCH**/CDD-Ghana to do a one-sided report in respect of my Client has therefore severely damaged his hard-earned reputation.

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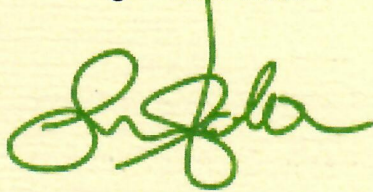
We are by this letter and on behalf of my Client, demanding a retraction of the publication by **CORRUPTION** WATCH/ CDD-Ghana within one week of receipt of this letter.

My Client also demands an unqualified apology from **CORRUPTION** WATCH/ CDD-Ghana. The retraction and apology should be given the same media prominence as the report that has caused such damage to his reputation.

It is my Client's firm resolve to seek appropriate redress if **CORRUPTION** WATCH and or CDD-Ghana fails to issue a public retraction of the report and an apology to clear the taint of corruption which this report has attached to his otherwise untainted and unblemished record as a public officer.

Most obliged.

For Legal Relief Trust



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TO: **CORRUPTION** WATCH  
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