



17th May 2024

The Chairman
Electoral Commission of Ghana
Ridge-Accra

Dear Mrs. Jean Mensa,

URGENT PETITION FOR EXPANDED VOTER REGISTRATION ACCESS IN THE 2024 ELECTIONS

We, The New Force, representing the collective voice of the people of Ghana, write to express our profound concerns regarding the severe limitations placed on voter registration access for the upcoming 2024 elections. As advocates for democratic principles and the rights of citizens, we are deeply troubled by the stark reduction in the number of voter registration points, from over 33,000 in previous elections to a mere 1068 centres, representing 3% of the 2020 polling station total.

The impact of such a drastic reduction in voter registration points cannot be overstated. With a narrow 20-day window for voter registration, it becomes increasingly challenging for eligible and unregistered voters to participate in the democratic process. This limitation effectively undermines the fundamental right of Ghanaian citizens to freely choose their leaders through fair and accessible elections.

We are compelled to question the rationale behind these restrictive measures. The Electoral Commission of Ghana plays a pivotal role in ensuring the integrity and inclusivity of the electoral process, and it is essential that decisions regarding voter registration access are made transparently and with due consideration to the democratic rights of the people.

On behalf of The New Force and the citizens of Ghana, we urge the Electoral Commission to reconsider its approach and take immediate steps to expand voter registration access. Our counterparts in other nations across many continents uphold the principles of democracy by providing open and accessible voter registration until just weeks before elections. We implore the Electoral Commission to follow this example and prioritise the rights of Ghanaian citizens to participate in the electoral process freely and fairly.

We trust that the Electoral Commission will give due consideration to our concerns and take immediate action to address the pressing issue of voter registration access. The future of our democracy depends on the integrity and inclusivity of our electoral process.



Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. We eagerly await your response and proactive measures to safeguard the democratic rights of the people of Ghana.

Signed

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Founder & Leader of the New Force

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Right Hon. Alban Bagbin

Judicial Speaker of Parliament

The Chief Justice

Supreme Court of Justice

The Secretary Judicial Council of Ghana

Chairman of the Council of State

Christian Council of Ghana

National House of Chiefs

National Chief Imam

His Eminent Sheikh Osman Nuhu Sharubutu

Ghana Journalists Association

Ghana National Association of Teachers

National Association of Graduate Teachers

National Commission for Civic Education

National Union of Ghana Students

National Health Students Association of Ghana

National Media Commission

The National Peace Council

Ghana Education Service

University Students' Association of Ghana

Teacher Trainees Students Association of Ghana

Graduate Students Association of Ghana

Private University Students Association of Ghana

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