



GRASSROOTS AGENCY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES (G R A S S)

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March 18, 2025

Hon. Karyou Johnson
Superintendent
Robert & Kibly Streets
Lower Buchanan, Grand Bassa County

Dear Superintendent,

We extend our compliments and write to formally bring to your attention the blatant disregard and gross violations of our laws, particularly the Local Government Act, with specific reference to section 2.8.

Since the inception of the government, the civil society of Grand Bassa County has played a significant role in supporting the county leadership in various capacities, including attending crucial meeting, mediating disputes within the motorcycle union, and advocating for the proper implementation of the Local Government Act as an essential framework for sustainable development. During the brief tenure of the late Superintendent, Madam Julia Bono, she demonstrated strong commitment to upholding the rules of law.

Regrettably, in the wake of her demise, we have observed a series of questionable transactions conducted under the direct watch of Hon. James Duen as acting superintendent and the delay of the audit report on the county administration accounts. These include:

- ✓ The sale of county equipment as scrap and governance and management of the proceeds
- ✓ Expenditure on office repairs in the Administrative Building without proper financial oversight
- ✓ The allocation of county resources in the absence of an approved county budget
- ✓ The mortgaging of the county asset the tiling without stakeholder involvement is alarming and deeply concerning

As you are aware, His Excellency President Joseph N. Boakia Sr. has repeatedly emphasized the importance of adhering to the rule especially the Local Government Act. His continued advocacy for lawful governance underscores the necessity for local leaders to abide by the legal frameworks in executing their duties. However, the leadership of Grand Bassa County appeared to operate with blatant disregard of these fundamental principles. Even more troubling is the apparent disrespect and lack accountability to the very citizens whose tax contributions sustain them.

We cannot remain passive while such unwarranted and unlawful actions go unchecked. In light of the foregoing, we strongly recommend the following measures for your consideration:

- ✓ Conduct an immediate audit all county's accounts to ensure transparency and accountability before resuming or commencing any financial transactions

- ✓ Organize district and county-wide consultations to engage stakeholders, so as to gain a comprehensive understanding of the prevailing concerns in the county
- ✓ Set up a broad based committee to probe the issue concerning the sale of the tiling
- ✓ We are using this medium to also call on you, to call on the General Auditing Commission to make the audit report on county leadership public without further delay

We trust that you give these matters the urgent attention they deserve

Yours sincerely,

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cc. Minister Internal Affairs Ministry
Grand Bassa Legislative Caucus
General Auditing Commission