**19TH February, 2024**

**The Speaker**

Nigeria House of Representatives

Three Arms Zone, Abuja

**Through**: The Chairman

House Committee on Public Petitions

Your Excellency,

**PETITION AGAINST PORTHARCOURT ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY, TRANSMISSION COMPAY OF NIGERIA, AND THE NIGERIAN ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION REGARDING SEVERE AND PROLONGED POWER OUTAGES IN OBUBRA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA**

I am a native of Apiapum Community in Obubra Local Government Area of Cross-River State. I write this petition for myself and the good people of Obubra Local Government Area, Cross River State. We also wish to state that this petition is our last resort in search of justice.

I write to draw your attention to the dire situation affecting our communities due to severe and prolonged power outages. It is with deep concern and urgency that we highlight the devastating impact of fallen poles in Apiapum, Ohana, Iyamoyong down to Ababene, and extensive parts of Osopong communities, which have left our people without electricity for an unacceptable period. **Photos showing the current state of fallen poles are hereby attached.**

Furthermore, we bring to your attention the alarming reality faced by communities such as Isobo-Otaka, Biko Biko, Ebora Echara, Enyibichiri, Izzi, Ofomana, and Igo, who have been deprived of access to electricity for a long period, some even for time immemorial. This persistent neglect and lack of basic services not only hinder our socio-economic development but also endanger the health, safety, and well-being of our residents.

We hereby appeal to the Honourable House of Representatives to intervene and address this urgent matter by holding accountable the relevant authorities responsible for the provision and maintenance of electricity services in our region. Specifically, we call for action against the Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company, the Transmission Company of Nigeria, and the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission for their failure to fulfill their mandates and obligations to our communities.

In light of the foregoing, we respectfully petition the House of Representatives to:

1. Initiate a comprehensive investigation into the root causes of the prolonged power outages in Obubra Local Government Area, including the specific circumstances surrounding the fallen and abandoned poles in Apiapum, Ohana, Iyamoyong down to Ababene, and Isobo-Otaka, Biko Biko, Ebora Echara, Enyibichiri, Izzi, Ofomana, and Igo, who have been deprived of access to electricity for a long period.

2. Hold accountable the Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company, the Transmission Company of Nigeria, and the National Electricity Regulatory Commission for their negligence and failure to provide reliable and sustainable electricity services to our communities.

3. Take immediate and decisive action to repair and restore electricity services in the affected areas, ensuring that residents are no longer subjected to the hardships and dangers associated with prolonged power outages.

4. Implement long-term solutions and infrastructure development projects to address the underlying issues contributing to the inadequate provision of electricity in Obubra Local Government Area, particularly in marginalized and underserved communities.

We urge the Honourable House of Representatives to prioritize this petition and take swift and effective measures to alleviate the suffering of our communities and restore hope for a better quality of life. Your intervention is crucial in upholding our fundamental rights to access basic amenities and fostering inclusive development in Obubra Local Government Area.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter, and we trust in your commitment to ensuring justice, equity, and accountability for all Nigerians.

Yours faithfully,

Agbor Agwu, Esq.