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**Collaboration...Resilience...Unity: Our Collective Path Forward**

In light of recent developments concerning the 40 ft medical container, I am addressing potential misconceptions that may have surfaced. It is indeed a fact that the container allocated for the Northern Region community has been auctioned by the Ghana Port authorities, a situation that has understandably caused great sorrow and disappointment.

However, I want to stress that our dedication to the development of the Northern Region remains stronger than ever. Let us not be swayed by rumors or disheartened by setbacks. Our mission is unwavering, characterized by integrity, resilience, progress, and nonpartisan collaboration. It's important to recognize that misunderstandings and challenges are part and parcel of any endeavor. What truly defines us is our steadfast determination to make a positive impact on our community. This will continue to be our focus.

Now is the moment to redirect our energies towards the work that lies ahead, accelerating development in the Northern Region of Ghana for the sustainable benefit of all. Our collaborative efforts possess the potential to transform lives and foster lasting change. Let's realign with our collective mission and continue working hand in hand to uplift the Northern Region.

The path to development may feature twists and turns, but it's a journey well worth undertaking. Together, we can surmount obstacles and script a new chapter of progress and prosperity for our community. I'm pleased to have you on this journey with me.

Amid these challenges, it's essential to clarify certain points that have been circulating:

- Our visit to the office of H.E. Vice President Dr. Bawumia, accompanied by the Hon. Regional Minister, was part of the customary process involving a courtesy call for a formal introduction. It's important to note that the primary purpose of this visit was not centered around the container issue. Our office, in collaboration with the Regional Minister, had already initiated engagements with various stakeholders regarding the container matter prior to this visit.
- Our primary objective was to ensure that the medical supplies reached multiple hospital facilities, as previously mentioned. During our consultation with our US partner and in compliance with the shipping company's requirements, the consignee for the original bill of lading was designated as The Office of Zosimli Naa. Importantly, the bill of lading was never issued in the name of an individual or a private entity at any point in time. Given that this marked our team's first experience in shipping a medical donation, our team's initial expertise led to an unintentional mistake in the consignee designation. However, upon our initial engagement with our key partner, Ghana Health Services, this error was promptly rectified. The Freight Corrector was issued, updating the consignee's information to reflect Ghana Health Services (please find attached documentation). Crucially, this procedural detail establishes that the container could not have been diverted without the issuance of a proper freight correction order from the United States. Therefore, any claims suggesting that Alhaji King Faisal Adam or any other individual or private entity diverted the container are not true.

It's crucial to remember that the challenges at the port are not a novel occurrence, and they should not dominate our focus, as there are numerous other avenues that our office, in collaboration with our partner stakeholders, will leverage for



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success. As leaders, we carry the responsibility of guiding our people toward positive, transformational change, steering away from chaos and negativity. As the Zosimli Naa of the Northern Region and the esteemed Dagbon Kingdom, I appeal to His Royal Majesty the Yaa-Naa, chiefs, opinion leaders, civic leaders, religious leaders, community leaders, well-meaning citizens of Ghana and the diaspora community to channel this energy towards positive constructive change and refrain from politicizing our development efforts.

Here are three ways to contribute:

- 1) Volunteer your time, talents, and resources in high-quality development projects for the Northern Region.
- 2) Utilize your platforms to shine a positive light on the Northern Region of Ghana.
- 3) Encourage others to actively engage in this movement.

Although the recent turn of events is not what we had anticipated, I want to assure you that The Office of Zosimli Naa Team, our partners, and I remain resolute and wholly committed to fulfilling our mission of fostering development between Tamale, Ghana and Louisville, USA. Our focus remains fixed on the path forward in this movement, sowing the seeds for a prosperous future in our region. To prevent further suffering, I extend an invitation to those ready to actively collaborate for greater impact to join us in this endeavor. When we unite in pursuit of a shared goal that serves our community, remarkable things can be achieved.

This setback will not weaken our resolve; it will only fortify it. We are determined to persist in our work and serve our community with unwavering dedication. Our determination is more unyielding than ever, and together, we shall overcome this challenge. I leave you with a question to ponder: What can we collectively create that possesses the transformative power we cannot achieve alone?

Let us harness this energy and momentum and direct it towards the transformative change we aspire to see for our people. I extend my gratitude in advance for your continued support, and I urge you to stay tuned for the launch of our upcoming initiatives in the coming months.

With unwavering determination and gratitude,

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