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**RE: RESPONSE TO STATEMENTS PEDDLED BY MR. JOHN BAMBIR, NDC COMMUNICATOR- MFANTSEMAN.**

It has come to my notice comments and statements made against me and I am compelled to address the inaccuracies that have been circulated. I believe and advocate for peace, unity and open communication among the community and as such is of utmost importance that I express concern regarding the misleading nature of the statements made.

Mr. John Bambir, has made numerous expressions on his Facebook profile, namely:

- 1. that "Nana-Bawumia-Ophelia govt ... selling the heritage of Mfantseman to foreigners"***
- 2. "you have failed as an MP for Mfantseman, but it's rather barbaric to ask your boys to pull down the billboards of your opponent. This can't save your underperforming legacy" ...." Clearly the MP for Mfantseman ordered for the removal of John Mahama and Dr. Arhin's billboard.... Chris Amisah is one of the Ophelia's goro boys...! We shall see!"***
- 3. "Kennedy claims has been supporting NPP in the Constituency till date felt betrayed. The MP would always betray you and, I'm not surprised. She did it to the very executives who helped her. Reason why today a vice chairman of the constituency has resigned to contest."***



4. ***“you have been in power for almost four years and you are not saying anything about the death of your husband. We are asking you just one question, HOW FAR WITH THE INVESTIGATION??”***
5. ***“Aside the mirage of errors in the said release, it’s touted the MP to be a Lawyer when on record she’s not. This is serious! He who seeks equity must come with clean hands...”***

On the of first claim of selling the heritage of Mfantseman to foreigners, I reasonably deduce that Mr. Bambir is referring to the Lithium Contract between the Government of Ghana and Barari DV Ghana Limited. As stated in the press statement issued on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by the Minerals Commission, I would like to reiterate that the government thoroughly examined all available options before entering into the agreement. I represent the best interests of Mfantseman. The Lease Agreement is available to the general public; therefore, I would urge Mr. Bambir to read it and see that the aim is to preserve the heritage of Mfantseman. The assertions he makes that the heritage of Mfantseman has been sold are nothing short of false accusations.

Regarding the pulling down of Billboard in my constituency. I want to clarify that I issued no orders for the pulling down of anyone’s billboard. When it was brought to my notice of such occurrence, I instructed that such actions be halted immediately. To borrow Mr. Bambir’s words, the Nana-Bawumia-Ophelia government, advocates for a democratic, free and fair elections. I am committed to the constituents of Mfantseman exercising their right to choose freely who to lead them. I am confident that the people of Mfantseman can adjudge honestly and can answer: Who indeed is fit to lead? Who is preserving the heritage of Mfantseman and Ghana as a country?

I would also like to state that the resignation of the previous vice chairman was his independent action and we maintain a cordial relationship. The NPP is one united family. Honorable Kennedy Agyapong and I are on one side and we have a cordial relationship.

As known, I serve as his vice on the Committee for Defense and Interior in Parliament. We are committed to the development and progress of this nation.

It's unfortunate that the demise of my beloved husband, is being pushed to the fore of politics. Given my former profession as a Policewoman, I would like to share my knowledge with Mr. Bambir. The exclusive responsibility for Prosecution of criminal offences lies with the Attorney General's Department and the Police. I have confidence in their abilities that justice would be won for my Husband as the perpetrators are still on trial. I appreciate Mr. Bambir's concern towards the prosecution; however, if his concern is genuine, I encourage him to stand with me in prayers as we patiently await the legal system to follow its due course.

Mr. Bambir has himself failed to come equity with clean hands. I have never held and or presented my very self as a Lawyer, neither have my representatives. I have begun my legal education and successfully graduated with an LLB degree. As an MP I have been transparent about this information and would reiterate that I am not and have not held and or represented myself as a Lawyer.

It would be in the best interest of Mr. John Bambir to apologize and retract his statements and also to desist from the peddling of derogatory comments and statements against my person. Failure to comply will lead me with no option but to initiate legal proceedings to address the harm caused by these false statements.

I however urge the good people of Mfantseman to have faith and keep supporting me. Together we would move Mfantseman forward.

*SIGNED.*

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