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Dear 

**RE: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT, PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING:  
INQUIRY INTO THE USE OF THE STANDARD GAUGE RAILWAY**

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Article 95 of the Constitution of Kenya mandates the National Assembly to represent the people, to deliberate on and resolve issues of concern to the people and to exercise oversight of all State organs. The National Assembly has received various requests for statements, questions and petitions on matters relating to cargo transportation by the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), including:

1. Request for a Statement regarding the government directive to the general public to have all containerized cargo and local import destined for Nairobi and the hinterland to be transported via the SGR, by Hon. Abdulswamad Shariff Nassir, MP, dated 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2019;
2. Request for a Statement on forced railing of cargo from Mombasa to the Naivasha Inland Container Depot, by SGR by Hon. Abdulswamad Shariff Nassir, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2020;
3. Request for a Statement on compulsory transportation of cargo through the SGR, by Hon. Abdulswamad Shariff Nassir, dated 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2020; and

Following the Ruling by the Speaker of the National Assembly dated 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020, the Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works and Housing was directed to conduct an **inquiry** on the above matters and report back to the House.



At its sitting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2020, and in line with Article 118 of the Constitution, the Committee resolved to seek submissions from stakeholders in order to gather information that that may assist the Committee in addressing the matter. To this end, the Committee is seeking your submissions on the following: -

**1. Government:**

- a) what is the legality of the past directives on cargo transportation by SGR;
- b) what is the socio-economic impact of cargo transportation by SGR; and
- c) could the government explore ways and means of ensuring that the transporters/stakeholders use the SGR willingly.

**2. Stakeholders:**

What would you recommend to the Ministry on the use of SGR that will promote mutual benefit for the government and the stakeholders/citizenry?

The Committee will appreciate to receive your submissions by **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.**

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