STATEMENT REQUEST ON THE RECENT LAY OFF OF SOME COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTERS IN IKANGA/KYATUNE WARD

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No 41 (2) (c), I would like to request for a statement from the Chairperson for the Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on recent lay off of some Community Health Promoters in Ikanga/Kyatune ward,

Aware that the Standing Orders No. 190(5) as read together with the Second Schedule to oversight all matters relating to Labour, trade union relations, employment, man power or human resource planning and social welfare,

Further aware that the County Department of Health and Sanitation and in particular Public Health, contracts the Community Health Promoters (CHPs) in all wards who are based at the community health units;

Concerned that the CHPs offer crucial services at the community level which include preventive and promotive services among others,

Cognizant that the County Department for Health and Sanitation is sufficiently funded to meet the cost of paying stipends to the CHPs among other expenditures as appropriated by the County Assembly in the annual budget,

Further Cognizant that the National Government has partnered with Kitui County Government to offer financial top ups to the contracted CHPs.

Further Concerned that the County Department for Health and Sanitation has recently laid off some CHPs in Ikanga/Kyatune ward without any justifiable reasons,

THAT, a joint Committee for Labour and Social Welfare and Health and Sanitation carries out an inquiry and report back to this house within 21 days with facts on the following issues:

1. What necessitated the recent lay off of some CHPs in Ikanga/Kyatune ward and any other ward in Kitui county.

2. The criteria used to determine the CHPs to be laid off.

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3. Why the CHPs have never been issued with appointment letters specifying their terms of engagement.

4. Whether the CHPs have been receiving financial top ups from the national

government.

5. An up-to-date declaration of the NSSF and NHIF deductions and remittances to the relevant statutory bodies for the CHPs.

Signed ____

Hon. Cyrus Musyoka Kisavi - MCA

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