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COPY:

(i) Chairman, National Steering Committee (ii) Chairman, National Disciplinary Committee
(iii) Ashanti Regional Chairman (iv) Ashanti Regional Secretary (v) Hon Nana Ayew Afriyie

Dear Sir,

RE: PETITION FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST HON. DR NANA AYEW AFRIYIE FOR MISCONDUCT, AND FOR REVERSAL OF THE ASHANTI REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE OBUASI WEST CONSTITUENCY EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS APPEAL

I write as Member of Parliament for Obuasi West Constituency, and as the Party's Parliamentary Candidate and Campaign Manager for Obuasi West during the 2024 general election. In these capacities, I lodge a formal complaint of misconduct against Hon. Nana Ayew Afriyie (MP for Effiduase-Asokore Constituency) and call for the necessary sanctions to be imposed on him under Article 4 of the Party's Constitution. I also petition against the Recommendation of the Ashanti Regional Executive Committee dated 6th July, 2026, signed by Mr Stephen Owusu, Regional Research and Elections Officer, insofar as it concerns Obuasi West Constituency. This petition is submitted under Article 4 of the Party's Constitution on Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures, and under the appeal procedure established for the 2026 Constituency Executive Elections.

1. BACKGROUND

The Constituency Appeals Committee decided this matter by a majority decision, with Hon. Ben Kwakye-Adeefe, Esq. and Shadrack Obeng-Yeboah, Esq. forming the majority, and Kwame Adom Appiah, Esq. dissenting. The Majority upheld the disqualification of Kofi Owusu Ansah (aspiring Youth Organizer), Joseph Kwabena Bonsu (aspiring 2nd Vice Chairman), and Kofi Appianin Ennin (aspiring 1st Vice Chairman), but held that this position would change if the Party could show that Kofi Appianin Ennin's independent candidature, and its support by Kofi Owusu Ansah and Joseph Kwabena Bonsu, resulted from a Party decision. The Appellants made this claim, and Hon. Dr Nana Ayew Afriyie affirmed it.

The Ashanti Regional Executive Committee issued its Recommendation on 6th July, 2026, treating that claim as established fact. It directed that Kofi Appianin Ennin be passed to contest as 1st Vice Chairman for Obuasi West Constituency, on the stated basis that his independent candidature in the 2024 general election was a deliberate Party strategy to draw votes away from our opponents.

2. GROUNDS OF THE PETITION

I submit that the Recommendation, insofar as it relies on this basis, ought to be set aside for the following reasons:

1. **The factual claim is false.** As Campaign Manager for the Obuasi West campaign in 2024, and now as Member of Parliament for the constituency, I was directly responsible for the campaign's strategy and decisions at the constituency level. No decision was made, by me, by the Constituency Executive Committee, or by any properly constituted Party organ known to me, to authorise, sponsor, or support the independent candidature run against the Party's own candidate.
2. **The claim was never established as fact, only assumed.** The Regional Executive Committee's Recommendation treated the claim as proven, identifying no evidence, inquiry, or verification beyond the say-so of the Appellants and Hon. Dr Ayew Afriyie, who was not a Party officer or candidate in Obuasi West and had no personal role in the Constituency's 2024 campaign decisions.
3. **Even if such authorisation was given, it would itself be unconstitutional and void.** The forfeiture-of-membership provision operates automatically once a member stands as, or declares support for, an independent candidate against the Party's officially sponsored candidate. The Constitution does not vest any individual, officer, or committee with power to waive or pre-authorise this consequence. Any purported "authorisation" or advance exemption would have been made without constitutional power, and would be a nullity, incapable of shielding them from the automatic forfeiture the Constitution prescribes. A decision built on a void authorisation should not stand.
4. **If allowed to stand, the Recommendation exposes the Party to serious reputational and electoral harm.** To let the official Party record show that Party leadership secretly authorised and ran an independent candidate against its own sponsored candidate, in order to siphon votes from opponents, would (if this became publicly known, as such matters often do) present the Party as willing to manipulate the electoral process and mislead the electorate. This risks real damage to public trust in the Party's honesty and fitness to govern, with consequences for its fortunes in the 2028 general election. The Party has its own interest in resolving this matter on the true facts, not on an unverified and self-serving claim.

3. RELIEF SOUGHT

I respectfully petition that:

- a) The National Disciplinary Committee commence disciplinary proceedings against Hon. Dr Nana Ayew Afriyie forthwith, in respect of his affirmation, to the Constituency Appeals Committee and the Ashanti Regional Executive Committee, of a claim of Party authorisation that I contend is false and that amounts to bringing the name of the Party into disrepute. The Committee should impose the necessary sanctions under Article 4 of the Party's Constitution, including, as it considers appropriate, reprimand, suspension, or disqualification from holding office or position within the Party for a stated period; and
- b) The Recommendation of the Ashanti Regional Executive Committee dated 6th July, 2026 be reversed, insofar as it clears Kofi Appianin Ennin to contest as 1st Vice Chairman for Obuasi West Constituency, and the Constituency Appeals Committee's disqualification of Kofi Owusu Ansah, Joseph Kwabena Bonsu and Kofi Appianin Ennin be reinstated.

I would be grateful for an acknowledgement of receipt of this petition, and to be informed of the procedure and timeline for its determination.

Yours faithfully,



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