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**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MACHAKOS COUNTY'S
PARTICIPATION IN OGP IN LOCAL**

I am writing to express my strong support for Machakos County's active participation in the Open Government Partnership Local (OGP Local) initiative. As the Chief Officer of Citizen Engagement, Public Participation, and Customer Service, I am keenly aware of the importance of open and transparent governance in fostering trust and accountability among citizens.

The OGP Local initiative presents a unique opportunity for Machakos County to further its commitment to transparency, accountability, and citizen engagement. By joining this global platform, the county will have the chance to collaborate with other governments and civil society organizations in developing and implementing innovative policies and practices that promote openness and inclusivity.

Machakos County has already demonstrated its dedication to citizen engagement and public participation. Our commitment to involving residents in decision-making processes, responding to their concerns, and delivering quality services is commendable. Our involvement in OGP Local can only enhance and reinforce these efforts.

This initiative aligns well with our vision of promoting a government that listens to its citizens, values their input, and fosters a culture of accountability and open governance. By actively participating in OGP Local, Machakos County can set a precedent for other counties and regions across the country and the African continent.

I believe that our combined efforts to enhance transparency, integrity, and public participation will not only benefit the citizens of Machakos County but will also serve as an inspiring example for others. As Chief Officer of Citizen Engagement, Public Participation, and Customer Service, I am ready to provide my full support and assistance to ensure the success of this endeavor.

Please consider this letter as an endorsement of Machakos County's participation in the OGP Local initiative. I look forward to seeing the county's efforts contribute to a more open, accountable, and participatory government.

Should you require any further support please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of our constituents.

Yours sincerely,


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Dear Sir,

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MACHAKOS COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN OGP LOCAL

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for Machakos County's application to join OGP Local, the Open Government Partnership's local-level initiative. As the Youth Senator Machakos County, I believe that this step is a significant leap toward advancing open government, transparency, and citizen engagement within our jurisdiction.

Our commitment to open governance and active participation is steadfast, and we see OGP Local as a vital platform to further our goals. This initiative seamlessly aligns with our continuous efforts to promote good governance practices and inclusivity, particularly among the youth, who represent the future of our county.

Machakos County has a commendable track record of open government initiatives, including the successful launch of the Machakos County Open Data Portal. This initiative empowers the youth and the broader community through transparency, access to

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information, and meaningful engagement in governance decisions. It has paved the way for more informed and involved citizens, especially among our youth.

By participating in OGP Local, we aspire to provide our youth with enhanced opportunities for engagement and participation in decision-making processes. We believe that this initiative will enable the youth to take an active role in shaping the policies and projects that directly affect their lives.

My role as the Youth Senator Machakos County centers on representing the interests and aspirations of the youth. I wholeheartedly endorse Machakos County's application to join OGP Local, as it is in alignment with the mission of the Youth Senate Kenya. It is imperative that the voice of our youth is heard and that they are actively engaged in local governance efforts.

I kindly request your endorsement and support for Machakos County's application to become a member of OGP Local. I believe that the Youth Senate Kenya, along with other non-governmental stakeholders, can play a pivotal role in ensuring that our youth's perspectives are incorporated into open government initiatives.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, require additional information, or wish to discuss this matter further. I am excited about the potential of this partnership and the positive impact it can have on the youth in Machakos County.

Thank you for your attention to this significant matter.

Sincerely,



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