



ECONOMIC FIGHTERS LEAGUE

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Fighters Condemn Abena Osei-Asare's Condescending Remark, Call for Respect and Inclusive Politics in Parliament

We have taken note of a video in which Abena Osei-Asare, Member of Parliament, refers to Edem Agbana as “young man” in a manner that carries clear condescension. Such language, especially within the highest legislative chamber, implies exclusion; suggesting that one does not belong and must be put in place.

It is obvious that Madam Osei-Asare may not be accustomed to seeing many young people in Parliament, but that is no reason to make them feel they do not belong. Everybody belongs.

It is particularly ironic that this posture reflects the same exclusionary and hierarchical attitudes that women in politics, including Madam Osei-Asare herself, continue to confront in their own struggle for equal recognition and participation in decision-making.

The Economic Fighters League firmly rejects all forms of condescension, whether rooted in age, gender, or status. Parliament must be a space of mutual respect, where ideas are engaged on their merit, not diminished through insinuation or hierarchy.

This incident also highlights a deeper structural problem within our political system. The current electoral arrangement reinforces a narrow political culture where power is concentrated and alternative voices are marginalised. This is precisely why we have consistently advocated for Proportional Representation, a system that broadens participation, reflects diversity, and creates space for different generations, perspectives, and political traditions to coexist with dignity.

A more inclusive system would reduce the impulse to police who “belongs” and instead affirm that Parliament is a space for all Ghanaians, regardless of age, gender, or political background.

We condemn this remark and call for a political culture grounded in dignity, equality, and respect for all.

Revolutionary regards,

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