



**CENTER FOR RELIGION
AND PUBLIC LIFE
(CRPL-Ghana)**

Our Ref: CEO/CCLA/P2
Your Ref:

Reg No. CG035150423
TIN: C0062838792

25th May, 2026

PETITION

To: His Excellency John Dramani Mahama
The President of the Republic of Ghana
Jubilee House
Accra

From: Ghana Center for Religion and Public Life LBG

Re: The Human Sexual Rights and Family Values Bill, 2025

The Ghana Center for Religion and Public Life LBG was incorporated as a Limited By Guarantee (LBG) company under the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992). The Center is a Faith-Based Civil Society Organization (CSO), working to advance religion as a force in democracy, governance, human rights, social justice, peace, and development.

Recently, the Speaker of Parliament, the Rt. Honorable Alban Sumana Kingsford Bagbin, announced the completion of public hearings and stakeholder engagements on the Human Sexual Rights and Family Values Bill, 2025, by the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs under Standing Order 238 of the Standing Orders of Parliament. According to him, Parliament has taken notice of the concerns of the public and the various stakeholders regarding the Bill and acknowledged the keen participation of the citizenry on the matter. In view of these developments, the Rt. Honorable Speaker tasked the Committee to present its reports to the House for passage of the Bill before the end of their current meeting.

Your Excellency, in a letter dated 27th April 2026, with reference number CEO/CCLA/P2, we respectfully petitioned the Chair of the Committee regarding the public hearing that took place on 23rd and 24th April 2026 at the Fiesta Royale

Head Office Location:

House C12BA,
Lakeside Estate, Accra
P.O. Box MP 1188, Mampobi-Accra

UK Office:

Pilot Walk
London - Greenwich SE10
United Kingdom

Hotel, and we also copied the Clerk of Parliament. However, we did not receive any feedback on the petition.

The fact of the matter was that, some selected stakeholders and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) were invited to participate in the consideration of the above-stated Bill, yet the Committee failed to provide us with an opportunity to be heard by the esteemed members of the Committee or the general public.

Your Excellency, we strongly believe that this omission breaches fundamental human rights and fails to ensure fair hearing principles in the legislative drafting process, which should reflect diverse voices and perspectives and inclusive participation. We view this as a deliberate attempt to hinder a “just and equitable legislative process”.

In effect, Your Excellency, key stakeholders and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) were intentionally denied a fair hearing on the matter. We see this move as a restriction of our rights and evidence of the committee’s arbitrariness and unwillingness to engage with contrary voices.

In conclusion, Your Excellency, we strongly believe that the lack of engagement violates the standing orders of Parliament. We therefore humbly urge you to kindly advise and call the Committee to order by engaging with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and the citizenry according to constitutional provisions and in the interest of natural justice.

Yours faithfully,



Rev. Canon Dr. Confidence Worlanyo Bansah
CEO / Executive Director

(Member of the United Nations Human Rights Council Multi–Stakeholder Working Group of the Government of Ghana from 2024 to 2026)

cc: The Speaker of Parliament, Parliament House
The Chief Justice of the Republic of Ghana
The Chief of Staff, Jubilee House
The Presidential Envoy for Interfaith and Ecumenical Relations
The President of the National House of Chiefs
The General Secretary of the Christian Council of Ghana
The President of the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference
The President of the Ghana Pentecostal & Charismatic Council
The President of the National Peace Council
The National Chief Imam
The United States of America Ambassador
The European Union Ambassador
The Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany
UNAID, Ghana
Coalition of Civil Society Organizations
The Media