8th June, 2018

The Chairman,
Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission,
Plot 802, Zone A9,
Constitution Avenue,
Central Area,
Abuja

Dear Sir,

DEMAND FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS ALLOCATED TO HONORABLE FEMI GBAJABIAMILA.

Human and Environmental Development Agenda wishes to by this letter demand investigation by your office into the capital projects allocated to Surulere 1 Federal Constituency as represented by Honourable Femi Gbajabiamila.

Human and Environmental Development Agenda (HEDA Resource Center) is a non-governmental and non-partisan human rights and development organisation established to provide leadership in advancing human rights and environmental protection in public policy and programs.

HEDA (Resource Center) as well as other concerned members of the society have really expressed their shock and worries about the recent report of lavish spending of Honourable Femi Gbajabiamila who is the Majority leader of the House of Representatives.

According to Vanguard of May 28th and 29th 2018, Honourable Femi Gbajabiamila has been reported to have surprised his wife, with a gift of Mercedes G-Wagon, selling for between N75M and 100M in Nigeria. The gift on the 27th May, 2018 was to commemorate the wife’s 50th birthday. He was also reported to have rocked a N1.2M Gucci suit when giving this gift to his wife. The stylish Gucci Heritage web tape crepe wool jacket that costs $3,450, approximately N1.2M.

Though his intention could have been right but in a country where the minimum wages is N18, 000 with hunger and unemployed youths roaming the streets, his actions were seen as insensitive to Nigerians especially from his Surulere Constituency.

Nigerians have kept wondering how it is possible, within the legitimate salaries of the parliamentarian, to lavishly expend such amount of money on luxury items by a public office holder. Especially recalling the fact that a total of N1.3B was allocated for
constituency Projects in Surulere 1 Federal Constituency, represented by Hon. Gbajabiamila, in the year 2017 Appropriation Budget. HEDA Resource Centre believes that no room must be opened for any person to abuse public trust while in public office. Corrupt practices and misapplication of public funds must be abolished in all fronts by relevant government agencies charge with the responsibilities of investigating allegation or suspicions of corrupt practices.

On this account, HEDA is calling on your good office to open a wide investigation into the utilization of funds for capital projects allocated to Surulere 1 Federal Constituency under Honourable Gbajabiamila to ensure and convince discerning Nigerians that public funds were not used for private family services and benefits by people elected into offices for service.

We shall look forward to your prompt response.

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

Olanrewaju Suraju
(Chairman)