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**President of the Republic of Liberia**  
Executive Mansion  
Capitol Hill, Monrovia

April 30, 2026

**Your Excellency:**

On behalf of the NGO Coalition of Liberia, a network of over 25 Civil Society Organizations (CSO) working in the Forest Sector, extend sincere compliments and appreciation for Your Excellency's leadership and continued commitment to advancing Liberia's sustainable development agenda, particularly in the areas of climate action and natural resource governance.

We write, with utmost respect, to urgently appeal that Your Excellency defer the endorsement and signing of Liberia's Draft Carbon Market Policy until a genuine, inclusive, and credible national validation process has been conducted.

While recognizing the efforts made by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Carbon Market Authority, and the Forestry Development Authority in advancing this policy, we express growing concern that the process leading to its "final validation" has been significantly truncated especially with respect to the meaningful participation of key stakeholders. In particular, we note that the validation process at both the technical and national levels did not involve the full and meaningful participation of key stakeholders. Forest-dependent communities, civil society organizations, and other critical actors – whose engagement is essential to the legitimacy, implementation, and long-term success of this policy – have not been adequately consulted in a manner that meets the standards of inclusivity, transparency, and informed consent. But most importantly, there remain fundamental disagreements on a number of critical issues that require further discussion.

Your Excellency, Liberia's carbon market policy is not a routine administrative instrument. It is a foundational framework that will determine how Liberia's forests, lands, and carbon assets are governed, monetized, and potentially committed under long-term agreements. Importantly, this policy framework will also serve as the basis for developing future legislation on carbon marketing and a broader national climate law. As such, any gaps, weaknesses, or exclusions at this stage risk being carried forward and institutionalized within binding legal frameworks that will shape the sector for generations.

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The implications for national sovereignty, community land rights, benefit-sharing, and intergenerational equity are therefore profound.

We respectfully note that endorsing such a policy without a robust national validation risks:

- Undermining the legitimacy and public trust in national policy, as well as damaging the international reputation of Liberia, given that the policy potentially undermines Liberia's ability to maintain its bilateral investment treaties and fulfil its Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement;
- Exposing communities to arrangements that they neither fully understand nor have consented to;
- Creating conditions for inequitable or unfavourable carbon agreements that may be difficult to renegotiate;
- Embedding structural gaps into future legislation on carbon markets and climate governance.

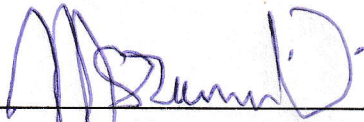
It is therefore both prudent and in the national interest to ensure that this policy is grounded in a process that reflects true national consensus – not one shaped by compressed timelines or external pressures.

In this regard, we respectfully urge that:

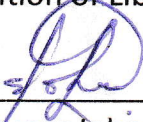
1. The endorsement and signing of the Draft Carbon Market Policy be deferred;
2. A comprehensive national validation process be convened, ensuring the full and effective participation of communities, civil society, and other stakeholders across affected regions;
3. Adequate time and space be provided for technical review, public dialogue, and incorporation of stakeholder inputs before final approval.

We remain confident in Your Excellency's commitment to protecting the interests of the Liberian people and ensuring that the country's natural resources are governed in a manner that is just, transparent, and beneficial to all.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Signed:   
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