

**Petition to the Government of Zimbabwe on the Purchase of Luxury  
Vehicles for Cabinet Ministers**

*IF YOU ARE FOR ACCOUNTABLE AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT, IF YOU ARE A PARENT, IF YOU ARE YOUNG, IF YOU ARE UNEMPLOYED, IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD HEALTHCARE, IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD EDUCATION, IF YOU HAVE NO WATER, PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE PETITION BELOW WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES, FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ONCE DONE, SEND IT TO YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT OR DROP IT OFF AT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, NEW GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, CORNER SAMORA MACHEL AVENUE AND FOURTH STREET. FEEL FREE TO ADD SIGNATURES ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER. Please do so by Monday 5 September 2011...*

**The Minister of Finance, Honourable Tendai Biti**

**New Government Complex , Harare**

*Cc : The Minister of Health and Child Welfare, Honourable Henry Madzorere, The Minister of Education, Honourable David Coltart, The Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education Dr. Stan Mudenge, The Speaker of the House of Assembly, Honourable L Moyo*

1. We the undersigned, as citizens of Zimbabwe, and in recognition of your financial leadership of our national purse;
2. Fully conscious of the numerous economic challenges that the country faces;
3. With a firm understanding that every government must consistently strive to be democratic and accountable to the people in all matters related to the state;
4. Observant of the serious social and economic challenges that all Zimbabweans are facing in their day to day lives, particularly in the areas of access to health services and quality education;
5. Disappointed and dismayed by the government's unfortunate demonstration of opulence amidst poverty via the recent purchase of luxury vehicles for cabinet ministers and their deputies;
6. Hereby petition the government to undertake the following measures in the aftermath of the mistaken purchase of luxury vehicles:
  - i) To return the luxury vehicles and acquire a reimbursement of the US\$20 million resources and give a full explanation to the public as to why such a transaction had been deemed necessary
  - ii) To reallocate the resources that had been used to purchase these vehicles to the Ministries of Health, Education, and Higher and Tertiary Education in order to purchase medicines and books for our hospitals, schools, colleges and universities
  - iii) That the government pledges itself to modesty, transparency and public accountability in resources and materials for its ministers, deputy ministers and members of Parliament
  - iv) That the government demonstrates sensitivity to the plight of majority poor Zimbabweans and their socio-economic hardships by committing its ministers to a Government Business Code of Conduct that emphasizes magnanimity in leadership, sensitivity to the plight of the majority poor and designates basic utility vehicles for all government ministers.

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*Petition Initiated by the Committee of the Peoples Charter (CPC) Zimbabwe.\**

*\*The founding premise of the Committee of the Peoples Charter shall be the pursuit of the realization of the societal objectives enunciated by the Zimbabwe People's Charter adopted at the Peoples Convention on 9 February 2008 in Harare, Zimbabwe.*

*The CPC is a Zimbabwean political, economic, social and democratic accountability mechanism established in the interests of the people of Zimbabwe.*