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AN APPEAL TO OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS REPRESENTING IKA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS OF DELTA STATE, NIGERIA

We have listened and read many accounts of the deplorable condition of the infrastructures in our beloved homeland – Ika, and most recently, the collapse of the Orogodo Bridge at Agbor.

In light of this depressing news, members of Ika National Association, USA, Inc. held an emergency meeting of the Board of Directors to discuss this calamity. Subsequently, the Board issued the following pronouncements:

As the sons and daughters of this great land in Diaspora, we will be remiss if we do not speak out in condemnation of this total neglect of our homeland.

It is our understanding that several contracts have been awarded over the years to fix and/or improve various infrastructures, including the Orogodo Bridge in Ika Local Government areas. Hitherto, things have gotten worse over the years instead of the promised improvements. Why are these projects still outstanding? Why is this happening to our people? It is reported that various other Local Government Areas around Delta State are not suffering the same fate that our people in Ika Local Government Areas are subjected to. The Orogodo Bridge is a lifeline to a great majority of people living and/or working on either side of the bridge. What are these good citizens of our land supposed to do now, travel many kilometers around to the new Lagos/Asaba Road? By all accounts, this road is tantamount to a death trap because of the many reported motor vehicle accidents on this ill conceived expressway.

To our brothers and sisters in government (elected or appointed), please come to the aid of your people. You all have a responsibility to insure that contractors fully execute the projects on which contracts are awarded. If you do not help to alleviate the sufferings of your constituents, who will? As the saying goes, “Alionye wu ndua”. Our people need action now, not promises. We will stand solidly behind you in your quests to honestly work to improve the quality of life for our people. We are becoming a laughing stock of Delta State and we hope you are as embarrassed as we are. To the Executive Governor of our beloved state, our people are crying for your intervention. Please do everything in your power to insure this Orogodo Bridge is rebuilt and that all outstanding projects on which contracts have been awarded are fully executed.

Respectfully,

Michael N. Ebie
National President & Chairman of the Board
Ika National Association, USA, Inc.