Army Housing Quarters,

Army Children School,

North Bank, Makurdi,

Benue State.

5th August, 2016.

The Office of the Governor,

Ebonyi State Government House

Complex.

Abakaliki.

Your Excellency Sir,

**A LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

I write to express my view on the state of things in Ebonyi State since you became governor. This letter is a by-product of my calm and sober reflections on the state of the State since your emergence as the third democratically elected governor of our state. Particularly, this piece is my rating and commendations for your good works thus far.

 Sir, your desire to position Ebonyi State among the leading states in the country is laudable, your zeal to develop the state is daring and admirable. Such zeal albeit is genuine and not one of those ephemeral vigour that trails every new government and vanish later in time. In my own estimation, the State has moved from it stationary point to the path of development within this period of your reign. You have activated the various sectors of State with massive reforms and development. Thus, the once stagnant or snail moving Ebonyi State is now working progressively. More so, your relationship with the State House of Assembly which has kept the polity calm and development friendly is commendable. Similarly, I wish to laud the hardwork and professionalism that the House has shown thus far to keep the government going.

 In the area of security, salary disbursement, infrastructural development, human capacity building and good governance you have made a mark. In fact you have suffused the state with on-going projects which I believe will be completed in no distant time. You have proved to concerned observers that effective governance is possible in Ebonyi State and that the people stand to lose nothing when they vote the right candidates into office. Sir, you are a workaholic and I share your dreams for the state.

 Although, you have not been a saint or a magician all this while but in your human and political capacity as a leader, you have tried. Your achievement thus far can only be matched by few of your colleagues in the NGF (Nigeria Governors Forum), I commend you sir. However, I will be more grateful if more attention is given to youth development and human capacity building. It is my utmost belief that the best way to develop a place is to develop the inhabitants of that place. More so, Sir Franklin D. Roosevelt stated in one of his quotes that “we cannot always build the future for our youths but we can build our youths for the future” it is therefore against this background that I would suggest a double effort in human and youth development programs. In fact, it will be a landmark if majority of our youths that are hawking in major cities in Nigeria are recalled, rehabilitated and empowered.

 Finally Sir, you are making great strides in Ebonyi State and I wish to urge you to keep the train moving. We now have a direction and derailing will not only prove disappointing but very ghastly. I therefore pray God to give you strength and wisdom to continue and lead in His fear. Sir, I have voluntarily contributed a little amount of N10,000 (Ten Thousand Naira) into the state IGR account to assist in your drive to develop our state. Please do accept my contribution as a token of my support for your good works and as a tiny part of my natural dues to Ebonyi State, as an Ebonyian.

Thank you workaholic.

Yours faithfully

James A. Chibuike