Press Statement from Rosie Sparks Women - Dominica Re - Levi peter Shamelessly Returns to Parliament For Immediate release - Monday 13, November, 2023

The return of Attorney General Levi Peter to Parliament on Friday, November 10, manifested the racist, abusive and shameless nature of the Skerrit led government towards women and girls, especially our indigenous Kalinagos in Dominica.

Following his lame attempt at apologising to Mrs Anette Sanford after his racist and abusive attack on September 27th in parliament, it was normal expected procedure in a true democracy that his resignation would follow. That moral and ethical expectation did not materialise.

What we witnessed was a withdrawal of his statement of apology and the flagrant violation of the decorum and professionalism of parliamentary procedures. His utterances and behaviour on Friday November 10th in parliament continues to be injurious to the political ambition of young women in Dominica. It is becoming a metamorphosis of a dangerous societal cancer that we must arrest.

This endorsed behaviour of abuse and disrespect by those in authority signals dangerous layers of erosion of our democratic system. The context of Mr. Peters' abuse gives very solid reasons for a growing number of voices, including members of the public and political figures in Dominica demanding his immediate resignation. The demand for accountability for such injurious acts to the character of women in our society underscores the call for ethical conduct among elected officials. Those who know better are expected to do better. The function and role of the attorney general surpasses political enclaves and shoulders the duty of state and citizens. Let us not forget the premise of these duties.

The tolling of bells, both literal and metaphorical, symbolises the collective call for change and the expectation of a higher standard of behaviour from those entrusted with public office. The public and concerned parties are united in urging Levi Peter to step down from his position as Attorney General in the interest of upholding the dignity of the parliamentary institution.

As this situation unfolds, the public is keenly observing how the relevant authorities will address this matter and ensure that appropriate actions are taken to maintain the integrity of women in politics and that of our sovereign parliamentary system.

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