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Countrymen and women,

A few moments ago, I was formally chosen by my party - the National Democratic Congress (NDC) and my caucus made up of 187 Members of Parliament to lead the NDC caucus in the 9<sup>th</sup> Parliament of the 4<sup>th</sup> Republic of Ghana.

I will be the Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business of the 9<sup>th</sup> Parliament.

With humility and profound gratitude to His Excellency President John Dramani Mahama, the leadership of the National Democratic Congress (NDC) chaired by Hon Johnson Asiedu Nketia, and my esteemed colleagues in Parliament, I wholeheartedly accept this appointment and the confidence reposed in me.

I first arrived in Parliament on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2005. I have served in the Office of the President, served as a Deputy Minister of State, a Minister of State. I have been out of parliament once staged a return. I have been in the front bench of Parliament since I arrived here 20 years ago. But I started my career as a student leader and then as an Assemblyman for Sabongari in Bawku Municipality.

I stand fulfilled today as the man to lead the largest majority in the history of our 4<sup>th</sup> Republic.

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I am guided by the illustrious precedents set by former distinguished leaders of our caucus. 20 years ago, our current Speaker, Rt. Hon. Alban Bagbin led us. Then Hon. Cletus Avoka, Hon. Benjamin Kunbuor, Hon. Haruna Iddrisu, and most recently, Hon. Cassiel Ato Forson. Their leadership styles will remain guideposts.

As Leader of the House and Leader of Government Business, I assure the people of Ghana that, consistent with the overwhelming mandate given to President John Dramani Mahama and the 187 members of this caucus, we will rigorously pursue the agenda to reset Ghana.

As President John Dramani Mahama has said, these overwhelming numbers will not be abused. Even though we are an overwhelming majority, we will strive for inclusivity, consensus building and deeply uphold the principles of probity and accountability in the fulfilment of the dreams of our founding fathers. We will foster national unity, advance democracy and ensure equitable development.

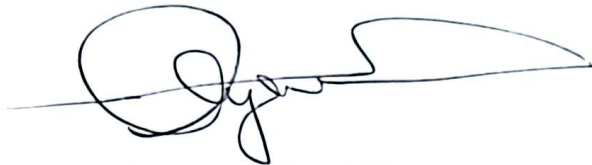
The road ahead will not be without challenges, but I am confident that together, through constructive dialogue and mutual respect, we can overcome any obstacles and deliver on our collective vision.

Let us remain steadfast in our commitment to the people of Ghana. Their trust must inspire our actions and guide our decisions. It is for them that we will build a prosperous, united, and democratic Ghana.

Let me thank the good people of Bawku for continuing to repose confidence in me.  
I will not fail you.

May God bless our President, may God bless our Parliament, may God bless the  
Great NDC family and may God bless our homeland Ghana!

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mahama Ayariga', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mahama Ayariga, MP

Majority Leader & Leader of Government Business.