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#### STATEMENT BY HON. CLAIRE OBINO ON TEA FARMERS IN THE COUNTY

**Hon. Speaker,** I wish to make a statement concerning tea farmers in the county pursuant to standing order no, 80.

**Hon. Speaker,** tea farmers face financial challenges every month whenever they go to earn their monthly payments. The net they receive against their kilogrammes weight is a shocker each occasion because of huge deductions effected to recover fertilizer money.

**Hon, Speaker,** it is in order to recover fertilizer money as the law requires and it is within the onus of the farmers to repay but it should be done in a humane way to cushion the farmers from depression taking into consideration that a large number of th farmers are aged and elderly; their children have migrated to urban centres to look for jobs and the therefore these farmers fend for themselves in the rural areas. They need to stagger the recoveries at least leave them with something small to take home to put food on the table at the end of the day.

**Hon. Speaker,** imagine aged farmers who earn, for example from Kisii town encounter untold agony because a number borrow money for transport only to go back home heartbroken and distraught because their net pay is nil. Some end up looking for good Samaritans to ferry them back home to their own chagrin and misery. Quite despicable of the esteemed Kenya Development Tea Authority and their directors who do not espouse the welfare of their clients especially now that the economy is tough for everyone in Kenya!

**Hon. Speaker,** I appeal and beseech honourable members in the house to champion the rights and welfare of these farmers across the county to restore their dignity and grant them space to enjoy the fruits of their toil without further torture.

Thank you.

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