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Dear Sir

**Request for Establishment of Fully Operational FBR Office In Gwadar**

We are grateful to you for courtesy extended to us during our last visit at your office in respect of various issues/challenges that are grave concern to the taxpayers. Subsequently, you have also indulged on our request into IRIS system glitch due to which all the companies were become non-filer even they have requested for extension of time to file their tax returns. We are taking this opportunity to inform you that recently we have organized a seminar on tax awareness and compliance in Gwadar and provisionally established Makran Tax Bar, which covers the city of Gwadar, Turbat and other nearby cities. Therefore, we would like to draw your kind attention for the urgent need of fully operative office of Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) in Gwadar, a city of strategic economic importance in Pakistan. FBR has a facilitation center at Gwadar but it is not sufficient to cater the compliance need and proceeding requirements of the taxpayers.

As you are aware, Gwadar has emerged as a focal point of economic activity due to its pivotal role in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The city's rapid development, increasing trade volume, and the establishment of Gwadar Port have significantly elevated its economic profile, creating a pressing need for efficient tax administration and facilitation services. Despite its growing importance, there is currently no dedicated FBR office in Gwadar except a facilitation center, which is not sufficient to address the taxation and customs-related needs of businesses, traders, and investors operating in the region.

The establishment of fully functional FBR office in Gwadar will:

**Enhance Revenue Collection:** With a local office, tax collection processes can be streamlined, ensuring compliance from businesses and reducing revenue leakage.

**Facilitate Investors and Traders:** A local presence will provide much-needed support to businesses, enabling them to comply with tax regulations efficiently.

**Promote Economic Growth:** By simplifying tax processes, the FBR can encourage more businesses to invest in the region, contributing to the economic development of Gwadar.

**Strengthen Tax Administration:** A dedicated office will help in monitoring and auditing business activities, ensuring transparency and accountability.

In view of the above, we kindly urge you to consider the establishment of an operational FBR office in Gwadar on a priority basis. If at the first place it is not possible, then FBR should have in place a video link facility for the taxpayers from the Regional Office at Hub or officers will visit on rotation to conduct the hearing instead of the taxpayers have to travel 5 to 6 hours road journey to attend the hearing of the case. Later on FBR will establish a fully operative RTO in Gwadar. Such initiative will not only serve the immediate needs of the region but also align with the government’s vision of fostering economic growth and development.

Thank you for your attention to this issue of regional importance. We are confident that the Federal Board of Revenue will take swift and proactive measures to address the need of the taxpayers in Gwadar and region.

Truly Yours

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