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To,

The Honourable Chief Minister of Telangana,
Sri Anumula Revanth Reddy Garu,
Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Subject: Petition for the Strategic Implementation of 24/7 Market Policy in Hyderabad and Extension of Business Hours in Major Tier-2 Cities to Support Telangana Rising Vision 2047.

Respected Sri Anumula Revanth Reddy Garu,

On behalf of the Swatantrata Center, a public policy think tank dedicated to sustainable economic growth, I am writing to propose a vital economic catalyst for the state: the effective implementation of the **24/7 open market policy for Hyderabad** and the **extension of operating hours (until 2 AM)** for shops and establishments in other major Telangana cities. Following up on a [July 12, 2024](#) request, Raghavendar Askani, Director of Swatantrata, has again urged the Telangana Government to follow G.O. Ms. No. 04, LET&F Department, dated 04-04-2023, issued by the previous administration.

This initiative is strictly focused on commercial and economic activities (retail, services, IT support, healthcare) and excludes nightlife elements such as bars or clubs. It is designed to directly support your administration's "Telangana Rising" agenda, specifically the goals of achieving a **\$1 trillion economy by 2035 and \$3 trillion by 2047**.

We request that this framework be formally integrated into the upcoming **Telangana Rising Vision 2047** document.

1. The Economic Case for 24/7 Hyderabad

Building upon the foundation laid by **G.O. Ms. No. 04 (LET&F Department, April 4, 2023)**, fully operationalizing a 24/7 economy in Hyderabad is essential for the **Core Urban Region Economy (CURE)**.

Our research indicates that removing time restrictions for compliant businesses in Hyderabad will yield significant dividends:

- **GDP Growth:** Potential to add approximately **\$1.5 billion (₹12,549 crore)** annually to the city's GDP, boosting it to a projected \$215 billion by 2035.
- **Job Creation:** Generation of **350,000–400,000 new jobs** by 2035 across retail, hospitality, transport, security, and IT/ITeS support sectors.

- **Global Competitiveness:** This mirrors successful models in London, Tokyo, and New York, enhancing Hyderabad's status as a top-5 global city for living and investment under the 'China Plus One' strategy.

The policy will benefit Hyderabad's diverse zones uniquely: revitalizing heritage tourism in the **Central Core** (Charminar/Laad Bazaar), supporting round-the-clock global support services in the **Western IT corridors**, and ensuring logistical continuity in the **Southern Pharma/Biotech hubs**.

2. Proposal for Tier-2 Cities: Extension Until 2 A M

To ensure equitable growth beyond the capital, we propose extending shop and establishment operations until **2 AM** in key urban centers: **Warangal, Nizamabad, Khammam, Karimnagar, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mahabubnagar, and Bhadrachalam**.

This permit-free extension—grounded in local contexts ranging from agro-industries in Nalgonda to coal mining in Bhadrachalam—will drive balanced regional development.

- **Economic Impact:** Estimated contribution of **₹8,500 crore annually** to the combined Gross District Domestic Product (GDDP) by 2035.
- **Employment:** Creation of an estimated **175,000 additional jobs** by 2035.

To support this, we recommend enhancing infrastructure, including extended TSRTC night bus services, smart LED lighting, and improved sanitation.

3. Addressing Implementation Gaps & Safety

While G.O. Ms. No. 04 provided the legal basis, current friction in implementation, lack of awareness, and inter-agency silos have hindered progress. We urge the government to transition from "permission-based" to "compliance-based" governance.

We recommend the following measures to ensure safety and labor welfare:

- **Strict Labor Protections:** Enforcement of weekly offs, overtime wages, and mandatory transport for women employees (with consent for night shifts).
- **Safety Infrastructure:** Deployment of CCTV integration, digital grievance platforms, and police reforms focused on women's safety.
- **Legal Clarity:** As affirmed by the **Bombay High Court** (Accelerate Products Ventures Pvt. Ltd. vs. State, 2025), there are no judicial barriers to 24/7 operations for compliant stores, provided labor laws are upheld.

Integration with Vision 2047 & The Global Summit

With the Cabinet's recent decision to expand the GHMC area—making it India's largest municipal body—and the upcoming **Telangana Rising Global Summit** in December 2025, the timing is impeccable.

Integrating this policy into the Vision 2047 document will signal to global investors that Telangana is open for business, literally and metaphorically. It optimizes asset utilization (public transport, roads, utilities) and increases government revenue through GST and property taxes without raising tax rates.

"Policy Brief: [Round-the-Clock Business in Hyderabad: Integration with Telangana Vision 2047 and Nighttime Policies in Other Cities](#)"

Conclusion

By prioritizing this policy, Telangana can position Hyderabad as the fastest, safest, and most livable city globally, while revitalizing district economies. We respectfully request your swift intervention to operationalize this policy and are eager to present our detailed "Policy Brief: Strategic Implementation of 24/7 Shop and Establishment Operations" at your convenience. We look forward to collaborating to realize this vision. The full policy brief is available upon request. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact us at info@swatantrata.org or +91 8686033665

Thank you for your visionary leadership and commitment to the prosperity of Telangana.

With profound respect,

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