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13 October 2023

Dear Speaker Mapisa-Nqakula, Mr Hlengwa, Mr Arends, and Adv. Gordon,

**Re: Letter of Demand – Response to Memorandum of 22 September 2023**

From 20–22 September 2023, #UniteBehind, Zackie2024, and Movement for Change and Social Justice held a continual fast outside Parliament. We took this action because we hunger for justice. Our three-day fast symbolises our commitment to #ReclaimParliament and #FixTheState.

On the last day of the fast, 22 September, we handed over a memorandum to representatives from the Office of the Speaker and of SCOPA. These officials promised to deliver our memorandum to their offices. The memorandum is attached, hereto, for ease of reference. In the memorandum, we listed the following demands:

- SCOA must remove Sfiso Buthelezi as its Chair.
- SCOPA must investigate corruption by all implicated MPs before they joined Parliament.
- SCOPA must ensure that all criminal investigations into corrupt MPs are finalised as soon as possible.
- The Speaker must refer all MPs implicated in corruption to the Ethics Committee.
- The Ethics Committee must fully investigate and punish all corrupt MPs.

- Parliament must drop its opposition to #UniteBehind's review of the Ethics Committee's decisions.
- Parliament must implement the Zondo Recommendations.

It has been three weeks since we submitted the annexed memorandum. We have had no reply. Our people demand answers. Thus, we demand that you reply to us regarding our list of demands by 23 October 2023.

#FixTheState #ReclaimParliament #Mabaphume

Sincerely,

The directors of #UniteBehind



Zackie Achmat



Zukiswa Fokazi



Lederle Bosch



Joseph Mayson



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22 September 2023

## **Memorandum: Remove Corrupt MPs and Implement the Zondo Recommendations**

#UniteBehind, Zackie2024, and Movement for Change and Social Justice call on corrupt MPs to be removed from public office and for Parliament to implement the Zondo Recommendations.

### **Corruption Fuels Hunger**

Millions in our country go hungry every day, including members of our movements, campaigns, and organisations, along with their families. Corruption, fraud, mismanagement, and maladministration have decimated entities like PRASA, Eskom, Transnet, and government departments at all levels, leading to increased unemployment, inequality, and hunger. Corrupt officials steal money from our pockets, food from our plates.

Corruption and greed costs lives, increases unemployment and inequality; steals food from hungry bellies.

But we are resolute: hunger will not deter us from reclaiming Parliament and fixing the state. We will #ReclaimParliament. We have shown this by completing a three-day fast outside Parliament.

Even obstinate bureaucratic attempts by the City of Cape Town to stop our fast did not deter us. After the City tried to outlaw us from staying overnight, from erecting tents, or blocking traffic, we went to court. We represented ourselves, against heavy-hitting lawyers employed by the City and Law enforcement. Still, we won the case and completed our fast.

We took this action because we hunger for justice. Our three-day fast symbolises our commitment to ensuring accountability in Parliament.

Parliament can no longer be trusted. Former Presidents Thabo Mbeki, the criminally convicted Jacob Zuma, and the current President Cyril Ramaphosa have all promoted and protected corrupt Ministers and MPs.

### **Sfiso Buthelezi**

Nowhere is this more evident than in the case of Sfiso Buthelezi who is a senior MP and the current Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Appropriations and responsible for budget allocation.

The Auditor-General, former Public Protector, Thuli Madonsela, National Treasury, Werksmans Attorneys, the Courts, the Hawks and Chief Justice Zondo exposed the role of Buthelezi and the boards he led, in state capture at PRASA. They recommended that he, along with other members of parliament must be investigated and charged for their corruption at PRASA.

Charges were also laid against Buthelezi and his gang with the Hawks and the National Prosecution Authority. #UniteBehind filed complaints with Parliament's Ethics Committee against Buthelezi and five other MPs responsible for PRASA's demise, as identified by the State Capture Commission of Inquiry. However, Parliament has failed to act on five of the six complaints. Instead of Parliament calling Buthelezi to account, he has remained Chair of the Standing Committee on Appropriations.

#UniteBehind is in court against Parliament and the Ethics Committee for secretly protecting corrupt former Ministers and MPs.

Instead of being punished, Buthelezi remains protected by the ANC, by Parliament, the Hawks and the National Prosecuting Authority. His face and name is a symbol of the corruption we won't tolerate, and the accountability we demand.

### **The Zondo Recommendations**

The Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector and Organs of State Commission made structural recommendations to create an open, responsive and accountable Parliament that puts the needs of the people first by holding the President, Cabinet Ministers and the state accountable.

Chief Justice Zondo recommended that Parliamentary committees' resources be increased, and an Oversight Advisory section be created. He recommended that there be a standing committee with oversight over the Presidency. Further, he recommended that Parliament play a central role in

appointing Boards of SOEs, such as PRASA. Parliament has not implemented these and other crucial recommendations.

### **Demands**

#UniteBehind, Zackie2024, and MCSJ demand that Parliament removes corrupt MPs from positions of power:

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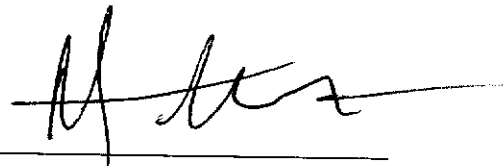
#FixTheState #ReclaimParliament #Mabaphume

Signed:



#UniteBehind

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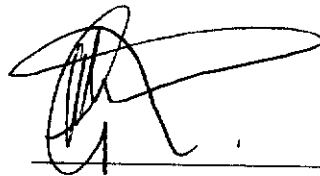
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MCSJ

Name: Lunga George



(OBO) Speaker of the National Assembly

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