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Honourable Simphiwe George Mthimunye, Chairperson

Security and Justice Committee

National Council of Provinces

By Email: nstemele@parliament.gov.za

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Dear Sir:

Re: Public Participation at NCOP for Critical Infrastructure Protection Bill

I write regarding the Critical Infrastructure Protection Bill, which is now before your Committee.

The Bill attracted a significant amount of public interest during its passage at the National Assembly, and a number of civil society and media organisations made submissions.

While progress has been made by the National Assembly, some gaps remain such that the Bill may still fall short of constitutional muster.

The NCOP and your Committee therefore have an important opportunity to remedy the remaining defects, particularly on the penalty and offences clauses at s26 of the Bill.

I would therefore like to confirm if indeed the NCOP will have a meaningful public participation process, including calling for public submissions and public hearings on the Bill.

I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,

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