

Honourable Member of the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa

25 July 2017

Vote to voice our lack of confidence in the President

As an elected representative of the people you will soon be required to cast a vote in the Motion of No Confidence tabled against President Zuma. We, the undersigned call on you to:

Vote to ensure that the President and the executive answer to you as our public representatives. Vote to give substance to Section 55(2) of the Constitution and your role to hold the executive to account.

Vote to allow South Africa to focus on service delivery. Vote to reject the relentless political distractions that divert your focus on your role to represent the people and ensure government by us under the Constitution.

Vote to address state capture. Vote to stop the greed of the few that worsens the needs of the many.

Vote to ensure that presidential political appointees are fit and proper and embody a commitment to public service. Vote to ensure that those that assume public office are there to serve everyone and not the narrow interests of a politically connected few.

Vote for a new direction free of national political decisions taken simply to address the legal challenges faced by some. Vote for an independent National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) that can fulfill its mission to prosecute without fear, favour and prejudice.

Vote to ensure that the Minister of Social Development is held accountable for putting the social grants of millions of people at risk. Vote for responsive and capable leadership to safeguard the well being of the most vulnerable amongst us.

Vote for leadership that respects women. Vote for political change to realise women's equality, dignity and safety in our society - in our homes, communities, schools, workplaces, and in the criminal justice system. Vote for women's political voice.

Vote to ensure that the Minister of State Security no longer can enlist secrecy and non-existent intelligence reports to chart the trajectory of a government that should be open and transparent. Vote for truth.

Vote to ensure that Minister of Public Enterprises is answerable to you on the reinstatement of Brian Molefe as the Chief Executive Officer at Eskom. Vote for visionary leadership to ensure that our State Owned Enterprises prosper for all.

Vote to ensure South Africa pursues affordable renewable energy and not an unaffordable nuclear program. Vote for what has the interests of our children and our children's children at heart.

Vote to address the historical inequalities and rights violations of rural farmworkers and dwellers. Vote for rural justice.

Vote for fearless leadership in Vuwani and Bloemfontein, Coligny and your constituency.

Vote with your conscience. Vote with principle. Vote to embody the South African Constitution. Carry our ideals and aspirations. Vote with our backing and support. Vote to voice our lack of confidence in the President.

Signed

Parliament Watch: Representing the **1** Dullah Omar Institute; **2** Equal Education Law Centre; **3** Public Service Accountability Monitor; **4** Right 2 Know Campaign; **5** Social Justice Coalition; **6** Women on Farms Project

And

7 Active Citizens Alliance Cape Town; **8** Alternative Information & Development Centre; **9** Children's Radio Foundation; **10** Community Development Resource Association; **11** Community Media Trust; **12** Corruption Watch; **13** Council for the Advancement of the South African Constitution; **14** EarthLore Foundation; **15** International Budget Partnership - South Africa; **16** Isandla Institute; **17** Justice and Women; **18** Lawyers for Human Rights; **19** Lifeline Vaal Triangle; **20** Ndifuna Ukwazi; **21** NM & Associates Planners and Designers **22** Open Secrets; **23** Quaker Peace Centre; **24** Rural Health Advocacy Project; **25** Saartjie Baartman Centre for Women and Children; **26** Save our Wilderness; **27** Section 27; **28** Sonke Gender Justice; **29** South Africa First Forum; **30** Thohoyandou Victim Empowerment Programme; **31** Triangle Project; **32** Trust for Community Outreach and Education; **33** Umtata Child Abuse Resource Centre; **34** #UniteBehind; **35** Western Cape Forum for Intellectual Disability; **36** Women's Legal Centre