

"A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats
its weakest members." Mahatma Gandhi



Dear Mr. Fowler

We have made several attempts to set up a meeting with you in order to discuss the Metro's reaction to our 'Law for Sale' report on corruption in the JMPD. In particular we have indicated that we would like the Metro to clarify its response to the recommendations made in the report.

Regrettably your office has proved thoroughly uncooperative. At first your office indicated that you were out of the country and that you would contact us on your return. This did not happen. Several further requests from us have borne no fruit.

We must conclude from this that you have no intention of engaging further with us. We will accordingly not approach you again. We would have thought that a report that is largely made up of testimony gleaned from Johannesburg motorists and that has elicited many responses from other residents of the city would have been of interest to your administration. This is clearly not the case. We are however pleased to be able to inform you that following the report other national and metropolitan traffic authorities have engaged with us and have indicated their wish to co-operate with us in confronting bribery in traffic policing in their respective jurisdictions. We will announce these initiatives in due course.

Although, despite being residents of the city ourselves, we clearly cannot oblige our metro leaders to meet with us, we do intend publicising your administration's apparent lack of concern at the systemic corruption perpetrated by officers in the JMPD. We will report your response – or rather lack of response – on our communications platforms and in the mainstream media. We also have a regular Friday drive time slot on Jacaranda Radio in which we announce our 'hero' or 'zero' for the week and this week you and the Metro will be identified as the 'zero'.

Needless to add, we are disappointed and appalled at the lack of concern that your administration has demonstrated for the legitimate and increasing concerns of Johannesburg residents with respect to bribery on our roads.

Yours sincerely,

David Lewis
Executive Director