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Hon. Malusi Gigaba
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Dear Minister Gigaba

FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE CENTRE REPORT INTO SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTIONS IN THE BANK ACCOUNTS OF MR MALWAKWA AND MS ELSKIE.

I am writing to you about the Financial Intelligence Centre report into suspicious transactions in the bank accounts of Mr Malwakwa and Ms Elskie.

These matters were first raised with the SARS Commissioner in May 2016. However it was only in mid-September 2016, four months later, and after the matter had become public knowledge did the SARS Commissioner suspend Mr Makwakwa from his duties at SARS and initiate investigations into the transactions raised by the FIC.

Without a full and proper explanation to parliament, let alone all South Africans, Mr Makwakwa was allowed to return to work at SARS on the 1st of November 2017. This was some 13,5 months after he was first suspended from his duties on full pay. It is also our understanding that after the report from the FIC was received by the SARS Commissioner in May 2016, the Commissioner went against a direct instruction from Pravin Gordhan, the Minister of Finance at the time, and paid Mr Makwakwa a massive bonus of R 930 000,00.

This matter and the poor way that it has been handled by the SARS Commissioner has, without doubt, brought SARS as an institution into disrepute.

I request that you intervene urgently in this matter by:

- Intervening urgently to ensure that Tom Moyane, SARS Commissioner, suspends Mr Jonas Makwakwa from his duties with immediate effect and at very least until the Hawks investigations into possible money laundering of the proceeds of crime have been completed.

- Working with the Minister of Police to ensure that the Hawks investigations into possible money laundering of the proceeds of crime by Mr Makwakwa and Ms Elskie are dealt with urgently.

Yours faithfully,

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