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Hon C T Frolick House Chairperson Committees, Oversight & ICT Parliament of the Republic of South Africa

Dear House Chairperson,

REQUEST TO ESTABLISH AN ENQUIRY INTO THE EXTENT OF STATE CAPTURE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

I hereby submit to you a request to compel the Portfolio Committee for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (the 'Committee') to institute a formal enquiry into the extent of state capture in the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (the 'Department').

It is widely reported that the Department, certain of its officials and a number of politicians, including the Minister: Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, have been implicated in allegations of corruption and State Capture. Some of these allegations also point to the involvement of members of the Gupta family, who have already been named in a report of the Public Protector for their unlawful and possibly criminal involvement in State Capture in other government departments.

Accordingly, in light of the volume and seriousness of the allegations reported, I have made several requests to the Committee's Chairperson, Hon. Richard Mdakane, to have the Minister and Department officials appear before the Committee to account for the allegations – with letters dating as far back as 31 July 2017. Most recently, on 4 January 2018, I delivered a letter to the Committee's Chairperson requesting that the Committee be urgently convened in terms of National Assembly Rule 161(3) and that the Department's Minister be formally summoned to appear before the Committee for this meeting.

I have also recently raised a number questions in the Committee which required answers from the Department and its Minister. Notwithstanding my requests, the Committee's Chairperson prevented my questions from being answered and, in effect, continues to prevent constitutionally required Legislative oversight of the Executive branch of government.

The allegations of corruption, in so far as they relate to the Department, are particularly serious and certainly warrant further investigation as a matter of urgency. Therefore, in light of the Chairperson's refusal to allow proper and adequate oversight, I hereby request that you compel the Committee's Chairperson institute procedures to commence a formal Committee-led enquiry into the extent of state capture in the Department.

I look forward to your consideration of this request and your favourable response.

Yours faithfully,

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