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Mr Glen Mashinini  
Chairperson  
Independent Electoral Commission

Dear Mr Mashinini,

### OBJECTION TO FALSE STATEMENTS BY MR MMUSI MAIMANE REGARDING PRESIDENT CYRIL RAMAPHOSA: 4 MAY 2019

At an election rally, held by the Democratic Alliance on 4 May 2019 in Dobsonville, Soweto, Mr Mmusi Maimane, leader of the Democratic Alliance, stated, in relation to the President Cyril Ramaphosa: "This is a man who took bribe money from Bosasa, and allowed his son to take their money too."

This statement is false, has no basis in fact, and as such is in contravention of section 89 (2) of the Electoral Act and section 9 (1)(b)(i) and (ii) of the Electoral Code of Conduct. This statement is so manifestly and egregiously false and defamatory that it warrants legal action and we hereby object thereto in terms of the Electoral Act.

At a meeting convened by the Commission, represented by Commissioners Pillay and Moepya, with the ANC and the DA, on Thursday, 2 May 2019 at the IEC head-office, it was agreed that the parties would work with the Commission to resolve objections through alternative dispute resolution.

We appeal to the Commission to intervene: to prevail upon the leadership of the DA to retract these statements, to desist from repeating them, and to apologise to President Ramaphosa.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary General  
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