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Dear Hon. Sithole-Moloi and Hon. Kaunda

I hope that this letter finds you well.

I write to you in relation to the recent success involving the SAPS cross border operation near Bergville on the Lesotho border.

I would like to congratulate SAPS on the successful operation and hope that we can continue the trend.

On behalf of the Democratic Alliance in KwaZulu-Natal I would like to put forward the following suggestions and comments as they pertain to the fight against stock theft:

- There must be proper monitoring and implementation of the Animal Identification Act, 2002 (Act No. 6 of 2002). The Act requires the proper identification of animals. Proper identification of animals will assist police and the courts to ensure conviction in cases of stock theft.
- Stock theft unit must be properly resourced and have the capacity to deal with evolving organised crime
- Small-scale farmers must be assisted with: 1) properly fence their farms 2) tagging/branding animals 3) educating farmers on stock registries and preventative measures
- Border security must be increased with more patrols and larger numbers of units deployed along hotspot areas

I look forward to your response on the suggestions put forward by the Democratic Alliance.

Kind regards

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