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**Request for portfolio committee oversight visit to Kwa-Zulu Natal**

Dear Chairperson Nkosi,

I write to you with respect to the significant damage inflicted on several industries due to the unrest in Kwa-Zulu Natal (KZN) last week.

According to the South African Property Owners Association (SAPOA) 1199 retailers were impacted and damaged over the past week, 150 000 jobs have been put at risk and the estimated impact on gross domestic product (GDP) in the province is R20 billion. Furthermore, the national economy is estimated to have taken a hit of R50 billion.

There is a strong sense in the business community that government has failed them and they are considering divesting from the province. This will only serve to exacerbate the dire economic circumstances in which the residents of KZN find themselves.

As of today, I believe that both the portfolio committees on defence and police are in the province assessing the damages that occurred.

Therefore, I would like to request that the portfolio committee on trade, industry and competition conducts an oversight to the province as soon as possible in order to meet with industry stakeholders and to see how our department can assist them.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

**Mat Cuthbert, MP**

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