

## **MONC an opportunity to put South Africa first**

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Speaker,

When history books are written, they will tell a story of a liberation struggle movement that valiantly fought for the freedom of its country.

And perhaps more devastatingly – they will tell the story of that same party which in turn oppressed its people with joblessness; unrelenting poverty while they ruthlessly looted money meant for their citizens.

Imbali izakubhalwa ngombutho we-ANC engazange ibakhathelele abantu nangexesha lika bhubhane we Covid-19.

Kuyakubaliswa ngabaphathiswa abalwela inkululeko baphinda batyisana ngemali yabantu.

Kuyakuncokolwa ngombutho woTambo noSisulu owaphela isidima neentloni.

Kuyakukhunjulwa i-ANC eyayigqwesile kwilizweni lonke ngokuzimisela ekuhlanguleni abantu ebaucinzelwe ngurhulumente we Apartheid.

Kodwa, abantu bazokukhumbula ukuba yayikwangulombutho owazisa intsokolo nentswela-ngqesho kubantu baseMzantsi Afrika.

That is the fate of this organization that once commanded the respect of the world.

Now littered with criminals, crooks and the most unsavory characters.

It has long forgotten the people who elected it to govern and only cares about lining the pockets of the political elite.

However, today presents a unique opportunity to not only members of opposition parties who share our view about the cabinet, but for members of the ANC who no longer want to be lampooned with the rotten apples of this ANC bag.

I know there are some of you who would want to tell a different story.

A story of courage in the face of intimidation.

A story of how you stood up to be counted so that you can be on the right side of history.

Where you voted to rid this country of the albatross that is its cabinet and ushered in a clean slate.

You can proudly tell your grandchildren that you voted in favour of the future our country over party-political interests.

You have the opportunity to tell them you that abandoned your own perks of office and financial interests and chose the 12 million people who are in desperate need of jobs.

Many of you here have made the wrong choice before.

You brought this country a president who you claim presided over the nine wasted years.

To the millions of South Africans who lost everything including their belief in a democratic South Africa, that was a painful decade.

Not simply 'nine wasted years'.

You now have the choice to make right your wrong.

You have a choice to vote for quality jobs, safer communities, quality education and a health system that serves everyone with dignity.

The drafters of the rules of Parliament created a provision for this House to express a vote of no confidence in the Cabinet for a reason.

They did so for moments like this.

A situation where members of the Executive have neither the desire nor the ability to serve the people who elected them.

We know who they are.

The people of South Africa remember clearly those who played leading roles in State Capture, in the looting of Covid-19 funds and those who failed to protect them during the July riots.

These are irredeemable people whose presence in our Executive can no longer be justified.

My plea today is that you vote to bring in capable Ministers, who will work hard to pull South Africans out of poverty; who will be unapologetic about choosing policies that will grow our economy and create jobs; and Ministers who will care about the future of this country.

I ask that you put aside your personal and political interests. And choose the people over the ANC.

I ask that you use your conscience to finally mark your place in history as the MP who did what was right over what was expedient.