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<b>Date</b>	27 September 2023
<b>To</b>	Hon MK Makume MPL Free State MEC for COGTA
<b>From</b>	Hon R Jankielsohn MPL Leader of the Official Opposition Free State Provincial Legislature
<b>Subject</b>	Urgent Intervention in Illegal Government Summit

Dear Honourable MEC

It has come to our attention that the ANC in the Free State has requested that all Chief Whips, Mayors, Speakers, and Municipal Managers in ANC-led governments in the Free State attend a summit from 29 September to 1 October 2023 at the Phillip Sanders Resort to discuss local governments (see attached letter). There is a further request that these individuals contribute R500 to the event into an ANC Fundraising Account.

The fact that Municipal Managers are invited to an ANC event and are also expected to pay R500 towards this is clearly a blurring of the lines between party and state. This is not the first time that such an event has taken place shortly before an election. Furthermore, this event is scheduled in working hours when Municipal Managers are expected to be in their offices and on the ground in municipalities. They would have to put in leave to attend such a party political event.

The current state of municipalities in the Free State does not justify them attending any political meetings while they are unable to supply basic services and their administrations are dysfunctional.

I have no doubt that you will agree that this invitation is illegal and improper. We therefore request that you urgently intervene using both your position as provincial MEC responsible for COGTA and your political position to ensure that this invitation is immediately rescinded. We already have reports from investigations into similar incidents from the Public Protector indicating their illegality.



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Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this regard.

Yours truly,

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