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Dear Hon Maneli

Closing of part of the meeting with the SABC to the public on 11 October 2023

It has come to my attention, following the receipt of the notice of meeting sent by one of the committee secretaries to the members of the portfolio committee that you intend to close part of the meeting with the SABC, programmed for 11 October 2023.

It is the Democratic Alliance's firm belief that this meeting should be completely open to the public for the following reasons:

- the SABC is the Public Broadcaster, not the State Broadcaster;
- the SABC is Constitutionally mandated to broadcast to the Republic of South Africa;
- the SABC is largely funded by the South African public and as such the people have every right to know ALL dealings the entity has with the portfolio;
- our job as a portfolio committee is to hold entities we oversee to account on behalf of the people of South Africa;
- there is significant public interest around the SABC and the problems surrounding the entity;
- the SABC has already been a subject of a sub committee investigation in Parliament which was fully open to the people of South Africa.

I now therefore request of you to urgently reconsider your decision and open the whole interaction with the SABC to the people of South Africa.

Please be so kind as to inform me of your decision before the close of business today.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Natasha Mazzone MP

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