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Hon. Solly Msimanga, MPL
DA Gauteng Provincial Caucus Leader
Leader of the Official Opposition

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Dear Honourable Msimanga, MPL

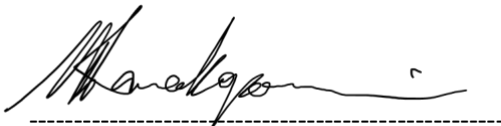
Your letter dated 23 October 2025 refers;

1. RISE Mzansi, (like the Democratic Alliance) is a signatory to the GNU statement of intent which informs our representation and participation in the Gauteng Provincial Government.
2. The proposed 'Motion of No Confidence' that the DA seeks to advance would undoubtedly trigger the collapse of the current government and as stated in your letter would necessitate configuring "a future alternative government".
3. Given the current composition of the Gauteng Provincial legislature (80 seats, wherein the DA has 22 and all other GNU partners combined have 6 seats), it is unclear what form this "future alternative government" may take. Rather, it is evident that there is no realistic prospect of success of such a motion without the dissolution of the GPU and the inclusion of non-GNU signatories including parties towards whom the Democratic Alliance has previously adopted an antagonistic posture and stated an unwillingness to coalesce with.
4. The decision to reconfigure the government has consequences that extend beyond the parameters of the province and would likely have national repercussions, notwithstanding the possibility of a collapse of the GNU as a whole. I assume this would form part of your considerations. Please confirm if this proposed motion is supported by your national leadership and in particular, if it is the position of the national leadership of the DA that the government should be collapsed?
5. Should this be the case, Article 22 and 24 of the Statement of Intent provide some guidance in this regard such that any substantive review of the composition of the current government must be deliberated and agreed upon by all existing GNU parties within the appropriate established GNU political management forums. It would therefore be advisable should this indeed be a position that the DA is advancing that it be tabled accordingly.



6. It should be noted that RISE Mzansi does not share the view that collapsing the government of Gauteng and potentially the national arrangement under the GNU would be in the best interests of the South African people or the residents of Gauteng or would be in keeping with the spirit and provisions of the GNU statement of intent.
7. With regards to the *'Public Protectors Report into Allegations of Irregular Establishment, Appointment and Deployment of Crime Prevention Wardens (CPW)'* – RISE Mzansi supports the Public Protectors' report and recommendations in full including the stated timeline for remedial actions to be implemented (180 days) as well as the swift prosecution of all implicated in the Tembisa Hospital corruption case.
8. We remain committed to strengthening accountability and ensuring the stability of the Government of National Unity and the Gauteng Provincial Government and will continue to play our part in this regard.

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vuyiswa Ramokgopa', written over a horizontal dashed line.

Vuyiswa Ramokgopa, MPL

*National Chairperson – RISE Mzansi;
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