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Solly Msimang, MP  
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**RE: YOUR LETTER RELATING TO THE MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE AGAINST GAUTENG  
PREMIER**

Dear Mr. Msimanga,

1. We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 23 October 2025, inviting the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) to engage on the proposed motion of no confidence in the Premier of Gauteng, Mr. Panyaza Lesufi.
2. While we appreciate the importance of accountability in governance, we must express our deep concern about the conduct and language historically used by the Democratic Alliance (DA) towards the EFF and its leadership. Over time, the DA has gone out of its way to demonise our organisation, using language that is inflammatory and inconsistent with mutual respect between political parties in a democratic dispensation.
3. The following public remarks illustrate the DA's consistent posture towards the EFF:
  - 3.1. On 2 April 2023, the DA Leader publicly declared the EFF as “enemy number one of the DA.”
  - 3.2. On 30 July 2023, he referred to the EFF and its leadership as “dangerous demagogues.”
  - 3.3. On 5 April 2024, he warned of a “doomsday coalition” if the EFF came into government.
  - 3.4. On 30 May 2024, Ms. Helen Zille stated publicly that an ANC–EFF coalition would “spook investors” and “tank the economy.”
  - 3.5. On 22 May 2025, during the visit to the United States, the DA Leader stated that the DA had “joined hands with the ANC to keep the EFF out of power.”

4. This posture is not new. On 17 July 2024, soon after entering the so-called Government of National Unity (GNU) with the African National Congress, your party released a statement asserting that its participation was to “prevent the EFF and MK from ever getting their hands on the levers of executive power.”
5. In subsequent pronouncements—including during a high-level meeting at the White House in the United States—your party reiterated that its central role in the GNU is to keep the EFF out of power. These statements have consistently defined the EFF as your party’s public enemy number one, while portraying the ANC as a pliant partner with whom you can cooperate.
6. It is therefore curious that, despite this posture, you now seek our cooperation to vote your trusted partners out of power in Gauteng. It appears the DA wants its proverbial bread buttered on both sides.
7. The EFF believes that **political engagement must be grounded in mutual respect and good faith.** For as long as your public pronouncements about the EFF remain in effect, the EFF has no business engaging with your organisation in whatever way, shape, or form. If the DA genuinely wishes to demonstrate good faith, it must publicly retract these inflammatory statements and issue a clear apology.
8. In the absence of such, the **EFF cannot participate in any discussions with a party that continues to delegitimise it publicly** while seeking cooperation privately.

Revolutionary Regards,



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EFF caucus leader - Philip Makwala