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Dear Minister Manamela,

I trust this letter reaches you well.

I am, writing to you following a meeting of the Parliament Portfolio Committee on Higher Education and Training held today.

In this meeting, it was brought to light that the Administrator of the Local Government Sector Education and Training Authority (LGSETA) has moved to extend the lease contract of the SETAs current office building. The Auditor General of South Africa (AGSA) has pronounced this contract irregular and your department has suspended official who awarded the contract of this lease.

Mr. Mvalo's extension of this contract constitutes financial misconduct. It contravenes section 51 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) which strictly indicates that accounting authorities must prevent irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure. Section 83 of the PFMA indicates that officials who deliberately or negligently allow irregular expenditure may be guilty of financial misconduct. In this case, Mvalo's extension of the LGSETA office lease was deliberate.

Mr. Mvalo as administrator knows fully well that the contract he wishes to extend was awarded irregularly. Expending the contract is extending the term of irregularity and increasing the amount of irregularity. It is my professional view that Mr. Mvalo is guilty of the same financial misconduct that he ought to correct at the LGSETA.

Minister, I maintain my 19 August 2025 written submission to your office that your appointment of Mr. Mvalo as an administrator is not a fit for purpose appointment. I, furthermore, write to you to request that you immediately relieve Mr. Mvalo off his duties as administrator.

Yours in public service.

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DA Member of Higher Education and Training Portfolio Committee  
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