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Dear Minister

**REMINDER: CONFIRMATION THAT THE NATIONAL STATE OF DISASTER (COVID-19)
ENDED ON 14 JUNE 2020 AND THAT ALL SUBSEQUENT EVENTS BASED THEREON ARE
INVALID AND INSTITUTION OF CLASS ACTION CONSIDERED**

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Liberty Fighters Network (LFN) is a well-known social justice voluntary association without gain (*universitas*), acting in the public interest and on behalf of its members. I, the undersigned, am the President and a member of LFN.

2. This correspondence is addressed to you in your capacity as Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs. It is assumed in good faith that you shall ensure its circulation to all affected organs of state, where applicable.
3. Your predecessor, Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, was directly engaged in various legal proceedings with LFN arising from the COVID-19 lockdown regulations, and is therefore fully acquainted with our role in protecting the public's constitutional rights during that period.
4. It is increasingly accepted — both domestically and internationally — that the measures implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly lockdown restrictions, amounted to an overreach of executive authority, causing undue hardship to countless individuals.
5. In our ongoing work, we continue to assist individuals — many of whom lost their employment due to vaccine mandates or coercion — in defending their homes against repossession. These measures were implemented under the guise of a legally questionable National State of Disaster (“NSD”), declared in terms of the **Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002)** (“DMA”), which now appears to have exceeded the limits of lawful authority. This is especially concerning given the subsequent deregistration by SAHPRA of 75% of the vaccines used in this period, which the State had promoted as safe and effective.
6. We are now compelled to formally place on record our view that the NSD legally lapsed on **14 June 2020**, and that all purported extensions, actions and regulations made thereafter were unlawful and constitutionally invalid. This invalidity gives rise to liability for damages sustained by affected persons, and failing a just resolution, LFN shall consider instituting a class action on behalf of affected parties.

THE NSD

7. On **15 March 2020**, the then-Minister declared the NSD in terms of section 27(1) of the DMA.¹

8. The applicable provision for extensions is section 27(5), which reads:

“(5) *A national state of disaster that has been declared in terms of subsection (1) -*

(a) ***lapses three months after it has been declared;***

(b) *may be terminated by the Minister by notice in the Gazette before it lapses in terms of paragraph (a); and*

(c) ***may be extended by the Minister by notice in the Gazette for one month at a time before it lapses in terms of paragraph (a) or the existing extension is due to expire.*** [My Emphasis]

9. The initial three-month period expired on **14 June 2020**. However, Government Notice No. 646, published on **5 June 2020**, purported to extend the NSD until **15 July 2020**. This date specification — not conforming to “*one month at a time*” — contravenes section 27(5)(c) and renders the extension beyond the original three-month period, invalid.²

¹ GN 312 GG 43096 15 March 2020

² GN 646 GG 43408 5 June 2020

A “MONTH” IN LAW

10. The Constitutional Court in *Minister of Social Development and Others*³, confirmed that “[a]ccording to the civil computation method a period of time expressed in months expires at the end of the day preceding the corresponding calendar day in the subsequent month.”⁴
11. Applying this computation, the NSD expired on **14 June 2020**. Any lawful extension under section 27(5)(c) had to be issued *prior to or on* that date, and for a period described as “one month”. The extension published on **5 June 2020**, which purported to extend the NSD until **15 July 2020**, was therefore *ultra vires*, as it did not conform to the prescribed method of computation. If the NSD had been validly extended by one calendar month from **14 June 2020**, the correct terminal date would have been **13 July 2020**, not **15 July 2020**. At the very least, on 14 July 2020. This material deviation renders the extension — and every subsequent one issued in like manner — unlawful and invalid.

UNLAWFUL EXTENSIONS

12. Every *Gazette* purporting to extend the NSD thereafter continued this legally flawed approach by specifying calendar dates rather than periods, and giving the terminal date as the 15th instead of 14th. This procedural defect vitiates each subsequent extension.
13. Notably, the **15 August 2020** extension was published **on the second day after the expiry**, rendering it procedurally defective. At the latest, therefore, the NSD legally ceased on 13 August 2020.⁵

³ Minister of Social Development and Others, Ex Parte (CCT14/06) [2006] ZACC 3; 2006 (4) SA 309 (CC); 2006 (5) BCLR 604 (CC) (9 March 2006)

⁴ *Id*, para. 24

⁵ GN 889 GG 43616 15 August 2020

CONSEQUENCES AND CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES

14. The *post facto* deregistration by SAHPRA of the vast majority of COVID-19 vaccines administered under State mandate underscores the catastrophic consequences of the NSD regime. It further supports our contention that the State's continued reliance on unlawful disaster declarations caused harm to the People.
15. Fundamental constitutional rights were infringed — including dignity, freedom of movement, employment, bodily autonomy, and access to justice — without lawful basis.
16. LFN currently holds records of **approximately 300 individuals** who lost employment or suffered occupational detriment due to vaccine mandates and/or coercion. Many were forced into vaccination under duress. These persons are entitled to full compensation.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

17. In the interest of justice, and to avoid protracted litigation, we propose that a **special compensation fund** be established to process all legitimate claims for damages arising from the invalid extensions of the NSD.
18. Failing such a fund, we shall have no alternative but to pursue **certification of a class action** against your Ministry and the State.

REQUESTED RELIEF

19. While you have inherited this matter from your predecessor, we respectfully request that you **urgently investigate** the legality of the NSD extensions, and provide us with your position **within fourteen (14) calendar days**, i.e. by **Thursday, 21 August 2025**.

20. Should you deny any invalidity, or fail to respond within the timeframe stipulated, we shall proceed with an application to court for declaratory and consequential relief, including class action certification.

21. All rights of LFN, its members, and the public we represent, are **strictly reserved**.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Reyno D. De Beer', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Reyno D. De Beer

President: Liberty Fighters Network

On behalf of our members

In the interest of the Public