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MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FROM

MR BONANG MOHALE
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Good Evening Mr Heywood, the leadership of Section 27 and your guests. My sincere apologies that I could not join you this evening.

Firstly, please accept my congratulations, although tinged with a heavy heart, on the achievement of reaching a settlement between the Gauteng Provincial Government and the families of victims of the Life Esidimeni tragedy. Your efforts in being the voice of and assisting these vulnerable families long before the public attention was drawn to this unfolding tragedy is exemplary of the role that civil society can play in holding not just government, but business as well, to account.

As BLSA, we share your view that creating a society that is just and stable is in all our interest, which is why three of the six pillars of the contract with South Africa, unveiled last year in Alexandra and launched around the country, is to invest in job creation, the protection of state institutions and crushing corruption wherever it occurs.

I encourage Corporate SA to wholeheartedly support your endeavours to protect and improve the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable in our society by empowering them with justice literacy and the tools to hold their leaders accountable.

Please accept BLSA's warm and unwavering support in your work.

Best Regards

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