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MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Attention: J.J. LABUSCHAGNE
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Dear Sir

RE: CONSTITUTION THIRTEENTH AMENDMENT BILL of 2007

I hereby wish to state categorically that I am vehemently opposed to this bill as it seeks to incorporate Matatiele to the province of the Eastern Cape. In motivation of this position, I wish to draw your attention to sections 24 and 25 of the Municipal Demarcation Act of 1998 which clearly stipulate what factors must be taken into account when considering to effect any change in boundaries. It, therefore, goes without saying that these factors must be taken into account when a decision to alter provincial boundaries is considered.

These factors clearly point out that Matatiele belongs to the province of KwaZulu-Natal. I also wish to stress that the communities of both the rural areas of Matatiele and the town want to be under KwaZulu-Natal as was evident when they challenged both the Constitution Twelfth Amendment and the Cross Boundary Municipalities Laws Repeal and Related Matters Bills which were enacted in spite of their objections, hence the Constitutional Court challenge. Provisions of Section 2 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa of 1996 (Act 108 of 1996) militate against incorporation of Matatiele to the Eastern Cape.

I wish to confirm that I will gladly avail myself for verbal representation if the need arises.

Yours in the struggle to defend our young democracy.

M. Gcabo *Jacks*
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