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Good day Ajabulile,

I'm Maxwell Itumeleng Setshogo and I've been a language practitioner since the year 2000 to date, with the informal training I received on this field while volunteering my services to a non-profit organization. I left the organization in 2006 to work as a freelance language practitioner. After reading the contents of the Bill, I must say that I welcome the council with both hands.

I hope it will address our plight as South African Language Practitioners, especially in assisting us to be recognized and acknowledged, by means of the Council's registration and accreditation process. There are many Bodies recognizing the language practitioners in European Countries and giving agencies in these countries more recognition than us South Africans. It pains me a lot that most of the agencies I collaborate with are from abroad, and most of the time I get asked to handle translation jobs that originate here in South Africa. Why? Because we have more faith in these outside countries than our own people here in South Africa, but they are the ones who finally deliver these jobs. Why can't these tasks given to us here in our own country, which will help in reducing poverty and unemployment? Instead, they given to agencies abroad, who in turn recruit us South African Language Practitioners, and most of the time at a ridiculous rate, exploiting us.

I hope the council would be able to address these issues of South African Language Practitioners, and give us worldwide recognition. I am also very much interested in how the council would address the issue of recognition of Language Practitioners like me, who didn't get a formal academic training, but are passionate and experienced in this field.

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Regards,

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