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**Comments on the [B8 – 2018]**

* 1. as an educator (retired) at present, I do support the passing of the Bill based on the following reasons:-
* The Bill [B8 – 2018] will assist in bringing dignity and coherence into the society at large as it allows ordinary citizens to improve their lives, and to understand how the government and its entities operates, e.g. South African Government.
* It will provide and encourage the provision of opportunities for persons, especially from disadvantaged communities to enter and participate in the development of our country, South Africa
* Contribute to an enabling environment for job creation in different industries
* The South African Constitution (see, no 108, 1996) entrenches the right of access to health care on the basis of equality and Freedom from any form of unfair discrimination on a number of grounds including race, gender, sex, disability and language (Sections 9 and 27) The South African National Health Act (61 OF 2003) States that: The health care provider concerned must where possible, inform the user ….. In a language that the user is familiar with or understands and in a manner which takes into account the user’s level of literacy.
* The Bill seeks to amend the Social Assistance Act, 2004 so as to insert new definitions to provide for additional payment linked to social grants, to provide for payment; of benefits to a child – headed household to provide for social relief of distress in the event of a disaster, to repeal the internal reconsideration process, to provide for an Independent Tribunal to consider appeals against decisions of the Agency, to provide for the establishment of the Inspectorate as a government component and to provide for matters connected therewith: The Amendment of section 1 of Act 13 of 2004 as amended by section 99 of Act 75 of 2008. This Act include disabled person.
	1. **Definition of concepts**

In order for readers to understand abuse and problems facing women and children the definition of concepts are provided.

* **Social Assistance Amendment Bill [B8 – 2018]**
* **Disabled person:** A person having dysfunctional limbs and unable to help herself or himself
* Amend: Addition or subtraction of any Laws from the Bill.
* **Additional payments:** Money from the Social Development to help the needy
* **Social grants:** An amount of money from the government
* **Benefits:** A certain amount of income to elevate poverty.
* **Culture:** Gerber and Linda (2010:53) distinctions are made between physical artifacts created by society; it’s so called material culture, and everything else which is the intangible, such as language, customs, beliefs and values that are the main referent of the term culture.
* Patriarchy: According to Grieve and Van Deventer (2005:150) Patriarchy is a social system in which the husband is sovereign, possesses power and exercises control.

**Sanderson** (2001:198) refers patriarchy to the structure of modern cultural and political systems which are ruled by men.

* **Child headed household** – A child or children looking or taking care of other children at home. No parents or have died.
* Social relief: An amount of money from the Government helping the needy people with funds.
* Independent tribunal
* Taken from Republic of South Africa Constitution of (1996)

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In Psalm 104 King James Version: The Holy Bible, **verse 24 says:-**

“Oh lord how manihold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.”

**Verse 27 says**: “These wait upon all thee, that thou mayest give them their meat in due session.”

* 1. I would like to thank God the Almighty, for everything especially the strength to do this study.
	2. Secondly I wish to thank my family for their encouraging words. My daughter who is always there for me, a shoulder to lean on during hard times, when I was admitted at Sebokeng Hospital during September Month 2019.

Madam, I would like to make an oral submission on the Bill at the hearing and I would appreciate being advised on the final arrangement on this regard. Thank you

Yours Faithfully

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