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Dear Sir



RE: INVITATION TO BRIEF PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS ON THE STATE OF MSUNDUZI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Your letter dated 26 October 2022 refers.

Following the receipt of your letter concerned, we communicated with Ms D Allie to get indication of the specific expectations and the format of the report. She indicated that the District is expected to provide a report relating to support that has been provided to Msunduzi Local Municipality since it was put under administration.

Our response is as follows:

Municipal Structures Act of 1998 provided for cooperation between the district and Local Municipality section 88(1) indicate that the District Municipality and Local Municipality within the area of the District Municipality must cooperate with one another by assisting and supporting each other.

It further states in section 88(2)(a) that a District Municipality on request by a Local Municipality within its area may provide financial, technical and administrative support services to that Local Municipality to the extent that District Municipality has the capacity to provide these support services.

It must be noted that uMgungundlovu District Municipality has never received a request for support from Msunduzi Local Municipality. Consequently no financial, technical and administrative support has been provided to Msunduzi Local Municipality during the entire period of being under administration.

In the event that Msunduzi Local Municipality requests any assistance we will be willing to intervene and where such capacity does not exist within uMgungundlovu District Municipality, we can engage MEC for local government in the province to provide assistance and support needed by Msunduzi Local Municipality.

Yours in cooperation governance

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