**EFF Debate on Vote 18**

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1. Greetings to the Commander in Chief of the EFF, Julius Sello Malema, officials, commissars and ground forces of the emancipation movement.
2. 2023 marks a special year in South African, African and world politics. The 26 July movement, the Economic Freedom Fighters turn 10 years.
3. It has been ten years of fighting for Free quality healthcare, commitment to healthcare workers struggle for better employment conditions. 10 years of unbroken commitment to the fight for 24 hours clinics.
4. As we celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the only organisation that belongs to healthcare workers, the EFF, we invite all nurses to come and celebrate with us at FNB stadium. We also invite them to donate to the only organisation that is not funded by the Ruperts and the Oppenheimers.
5. To donate to the EFF, you simply send “EFF DONATION” to 38172 and you will donate R10. You can donate multiple times, there is no limit.
6. The Ramaphosa Administration is by far the strongest demonstration of the allegiance of the ANC towards the establishment. Many thought the CODESA negotiations were the height of selling out, but today I give you the Ramaphosa Presidency.
7. The private sector is seeing the biggest show of loyalty from the ruling party because of little Menel, the ice boy of the Oppenheimers and the Ruperts.
8. It is now evident that the sole purpose of the Ramaphosa Presidency was to take money and assets out of the state and plant them in private white hands. State Owned Entities, the sellout Expropriation Bill, and of course, the NHI Bill which is tangible evidence of what President Ramaphosa came to do. To sell our country to the highest bidder.
9. Like the Expropriation Bill that stole the language of revolution to mask its true destructive intention towards state sovereignty, the NHI Bill does the exact same thing; selling equalized healthcare and a breakdown of a two-tire health system in rhetoric, while it is in fact the outsourcing of healthcare to the private sector.
10. And like with SOE’s, Eskom, SAA, Transnet, Denel, we are seeing the real time intentional collapse of the public healthcare system. Minister Joe Phaahla, like Minister Pravin Gordhan, has no shame that the public healthcare sector is at its worst status this country has ever witnessed under his stewardship. This because he is achieving the mandate Bill Gates gave to the ANC in 2009 where he told the ANC at a private conference to implement the NHI.
11. Patients die at the gates of hospitals. Newborn infants die in their hundreds in hospitals, like we saw at Chris Hani Baragwanath. Thousands of young mothers are raising permanently paralyzed children because of avoidable negligence in our hospitals. Healthcare workers are overworked and underpaid. Ambulance services don’t exist! People don’t even all for them anymore because they don’t show up.
12. Money meant to improve infrastructure of our hospitals is put into the pockets of ANC gorgons like in Tembisa Hospital. Surgery backlogs are overlapping for years, many patients dying awaiting their chance at lifesaving surgeries and treatment. Thousands waiting for wheelchairs for many years.
13. The solution to our public health collapse crisis will never be that we tenderize healthcare and outsource the well-being of our people to Netcare and Life through the NHI. Netcare and Life don’t even have branches in rural and township areas.
14. Prioritize primary healthcare, prevention, and education. Increase and fill out all vacancies of healthcare staff. Ensure that there is at least one healthcare facility in every ward across the country that is open for 24 hours and 7 days a week.
15. Establish a functional state-owned pharmaceutical company. Invest in young Black medical scientists and the groundbreaking research that is focused on what our direct demands are and not what is decided for us by the WHO and the FDA.
16. Regularize and fully integrate Community Healthcare Workers as full employees of the state. Fund the research exploration of the use of stem cell science for pharmaceutical and medical purposes. Build 24hour integrated post sexual trauma centers in all district hospitals linked to policing and detective directorates.
17. Build hospitals in Mbizana, Thaba Nchu, Orange Farm, Manguzi, Makhado, Barberton, Kuruman, Mogwase, Masiphumelele and other remote communities that travel for hours for medical intervention.
18. Stop taking Bill Gates money. We no longer afford to run our country based on population control aspirations of a killer. How do you expect to keep our people alive with the money of a man who invests in death? The brazen disdain for our people is so rife that Ministers are fighting court judgements that call for loadshedding to not affect hospitals.
19. We reject the report. We reject Minister Joe Phaahla and his drum majorettes in the portfolio committee. We reject the ice boy of the Oppenheimers Ramaphosa.