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Dear Honourable Julius Malema
Commander in Chief, Economic Freedom Fighters

Last night, South Africa watched President Ramaphosa address the nation on the Public Protector's "Report on an Investigation Into Allegations of a Violation of the Executive Ethics Code through an improper relationship between the President and African Global Operations (AGO), formerly known as Bosasa."

My Vote Counts (MVC) acknowledges that whether the President will be compelled to disclose of private funds that were allocated to his CR17 campaign, will be determined as per the judicial review. Nonetheless, MVC feels that in the interest of the constitutional principles of transparency, accountability, transparency and openness, any candidate for any position in any political party, incumbent party officials and public officer holders and the political party as a whole should disclose private funding information.

One of the persons who raised the CR17 campaign financing with the Public Protector was Honourable Floyd Shivambu. MVC and the public at large cannot sincerely acknowledge the EFF's efforts towards tackling corruption if your party and your leadership do not provide the information that you expect the President to disclose.

To illustrate to the people of the country that the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) upholds and promotes these same principles and recognises the value in all private funding of political parties being disclosed, MVC requests that the EFF discloses:

1. The sources and amounts of private funding allocated to the EFF's 2019 election campaign.

Earlier this month, you said the following in Parliament: "We want the president to come clean, to explain and take the country into [his] confidence as to who are the people who donated money into the CR17 campaign and what do they stand to benefit."

MVC now requests that the EFF does the same and takes the public into its confidence by disclosing the sources and amounts of private funding raised for its 2019 election campaign. There can be no argument that the scourge of corruption has been allowed to fester due to the secrecy in which the private funding of political parties has been allowed to exist. This is an opportunity for the EFF to take a principled stand in the interests of transparency and accountability.

In the Constitutional Court judgement between *MVC & the Minister of Justice*, the judgment referred to the following in Paragraph 3:

"The sources of a candidate's financial support also alert the voter to the interests to which a candidate is most likely to be responsive and thus facilitate predictions of future performance in office."

Transparent regulation of political parties, senior political party officials and public office holders private funding is at the core of tackling corruption in any democracy. As the leader of one of the three



largest parties, the EFF should lead by example and break the tradition of closed-door fundraising towards upholding the constitutional principles of accountability, transparency, fairness, openness and the right to access information.

The danger of withholding information on political parties' private funding is that the wealthy elite has the privilege of having access to senior political party officials and public officials, at the expense of the largely poor and marginalised population in our country. It is therefore a constitutional obligation that political parties and especially senior party officials who hold public office positions to disclose of any received private funding.

Take note that MVC is requesting the above information from the leaders of the three largest political parties. For any questions of clarity, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please respond to this letter with the required information no later than 19 August 2019.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zd', is placed above the typed name of the sender.

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