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Hon. Mr. Mosa Chabane and Mr. Eddie Mathonsi

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Chairperson and Committee Secretary
Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs

Per email: emathonsi@parliament.gov.za

RE: MY VOTE COUNTS REQUESTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TO THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL

1. We write to you, as My Vote Counts, following the Constitutional Court judgement granting Parliament a six months extension to finalise the Electoral Amendment Bill.
2. We have noted several concerns relating to the initial process to afford the South African public the opportunity to adequately and meaningfully participate in amending the Electoral Act, 1998.
3. We further note the statement, issued on 10 June 2022, by Parliament noting serious concerns relating to the prior process and, in particular, the public participation process. This, considering the importance and significance of the Bill to our young democracy.
4. We, therefore, request an opportunity to present to the Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs our concerns and proposals for adequate and meaningful public participation.
5. We, further, request clarity on the Portfolio Committee's commitment to deliver an adequate and meaningful public participation process, considering that Parliament will be on a 2-month recess from 15 June 2022.
6. Considering the urgency of the matter, we request a response before 15 June 2022.
7. We look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards,

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Executive Director
My Vote Counts