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Dear Mr Minhaj Jeenah,

RISE MZANSI'S APPROACH TO COALITIONS

As South Africa navigates a transformative political landscape where coalition governance is increasingly central to our democracy, RISE Mzansi remains steadfast in its commitment to principled, transparent, and citizen-first leadership.

Reflecting our approach during the 2024 elections, RISE Mzansi will enter all coalition negotiations grounded by three principles. We believe that any stable and effective government must be built on this foundation:

1. **Upholding the Constitution and the Rule of Law:** The Constitution is the supreme law of our republic. Every coalition partner must commit to honouring the constitutional framework and maintaining legal integrity in all governance decisions.
2. **Protecting Institutional Independence:** We must safeguard the constitutionally guaranteed independence of key public institutions, ensuring they serve the South African public without fear, favour, or political interference.
3. **Ensuring Uninterrupted Public Services:** Critical public services, service delivery, and municipal infrastructure must never be compromised, interrupted, or weaponised during political transitions or disputes.





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Any political organisation seeking to partner with RISE Mzansi must fully subscribe to these core principles.

Furthermore, we firmly hold that any coalition agreement reached must be made public. Beyond political arrangements, agreements must clearly outline an actionable programme of governance so that the citizens of South Africa can hold their elected representatives accountable.

It would be narrow and short-sighted to pre-emptively state that we will not work with specific parties. Instead, we encourage all political organisations to approach these inevitable coalition negotiations with the maturity, seriousness, and patriotism that this moment demands. Above all else, we must place the interests, dignity, and future of everyday South Africans at the centre of our deliberations.

We look forward to constructive engagement in the best interest of our country.

Kind regards,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "MS" or similar initials.

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