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Honourable Mr Joe McGluwa, MP
Chairperson: Portfolio Committee on Sport, Arts and Culture
Parliament of the Republic of South Africa
Cape Town

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Dear Honourable Chairperson,

FOLLOW-UP TO MY SUBMISSION CONCERNING SAFA'S APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON 3 JUNE 2025

I write to you once again with the greatest respect and appreciation for the important work undertaken by the Portfolio Committee on Sport, Arts and Culture in its oversight of the South African Football Association (SAFA). I am fully conscious of the considerable demands placed upon the Committee and wish to place on record my gratitude for the resolute and principled manner in which the Committee conducted the hearing held on 18 November 2025.

During that session, the Committee rightly asked incisive questions of the SAFA delegation and expressed understandable concern at the manner in which the delegation had previously engaged with Parliament. I noted with appreciation the Committee's finding that SAFA had been less than candid and disrespected Parliament, and its decision to request that the Speaker and/or the Plenary consider approving the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to conduct a deeper investigation into matters affecting the state of football governance in South Africa.

Purpose of This Follow-Up Letter

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request feedback on my earlier correspondence, which included a comprehensive 34-page fact-check analysis of the

statements made by SAFA's delegation during their appearance before the Committee on 3 June 2025, when they testified under oath.

As I demonstrated in detail in that submission, numerous statements made that day were factually incorrect, materially misleading, or inconsistent with SAFA's own documents, public records, and established timelines. I submitted that analysis with the intention of supporting the Committee's constitutional oversight mandate and assisting in the protection of the integrity of Parliamentary proceedings.

Need for Accountability for the 3 June 2025 Testimony

While I fully welcome and support the Committee's recent decision to pursue an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate systemic governance concerns in South African football, I remain concerned that the specific matter of the misleading testimony of 3 June 2025 has not yet been addressed directly, except incidentally in a few instances on 18 November 2025.

Given that the SAFA delegation testified under oath, the statements made on 3 June 2025 fall squarely within the Committee's obligations under the Powers, Privileges and Immunities of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, which expressly prohibits the provision of false or misleading information to Parliament. The misleading nature of that testimony was a central issue in my earlier submission.

Given the careful way in which the Committee approached the 18 November 2025 hearing, I remain quietly hopeful that the Committee will still deal with the matters arising from the 3 June 2025 testimony. The gravity of their disrespect for Parliament and their cavalier attitude to the truth, as noted in my fact check, remain deeply concerning.

Respectful Request for Direction

In view of this, I respectfully request the Committee to consider one of the following:

1. That the Committee formally hold the SAFA delegation to account for the misleading and untrue statements presented under oath on 3 June 2025, as substantiated in my earlier fact-check submission; or
2. That the Committee incorporate this matter explicitly into the Terms of Reference of the proposed Ad Hoc Committee, thereby ensuring that the full record of SAFA's Parliamentary testimony — both on 3 June 2025 and again on 18 November 2025 — is thoroughly examined, and that Parliament's dignity and authority are upheld.

Either approach would, I respectfully submit, serve the Committee's constitutional oversight role and promote integrity, transparency, and truthfulness in the governance of football in our country.

Honourable Chairperson, I remain deeply grateful for the Committee's diligence and fairness. In addition to being gravely concerned about the state of governance in the football association, my intention, then and now, is to support Parliament in ensuring that the malaise in South African football is addressed in a manner that reflects the values of accountability and respect for the institutions of our democracy.

I would be sincerely grateful for any indication of the Committee's intended next steps regarding the issues raised in my previous submission.

Thank you for your consideration.

I remain at your disposal should you require clarification or supporting documentation.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis Mumble', written over a circular stamp or seal.

MR DENNIS MUMBLE

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South African Football Association (SAFA)

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