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The Secretary of Parliament
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ATTENTION: Ms P Sibisi

Sir / Madam

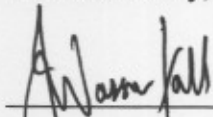
**REGULATION OF INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PROVISION OF
COMMUNICATION- RELATED INFORMATION AMENDMENT BILL -"RICA"**

The written submissions jointly made by the mobile operators regarding RICA and its implementation on 30 June 2006 as well as the letter from a group of retailers (The Retail Group) dated 25 May 2006 refer.

As one of South Africa's major Retailers operating more than 300 retail outlets countrywide, we share the various concerns raised by the mobile operators and **we fully support their written submissions** made to the Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development. The implications of this Bill as amended are far reaching. Issues such as the short period left to facilitate system changes, implementation and training to be done in all retail outlets before 30 June 2006, given the fact that the Bill has not even been passed yet, should be taken into consideration.

We therefore urge the Committee to seriously consider the proposals made by the mobile operators and group of retailers.

Yours sincerely,



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