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Dear Mr L. Brown

RE: **CROSS-BOUNDARY MUNICIPALITIES LAWS AND RELATED
MATTERS AMENDMENT BILL (B25-2007)**

I vehemently object the bill because of the following reasons:-

1. Having read the bill, to me or in my view, the bill has just been designed to further the political interests of the ANC as a ruling party.
2. The bill seeks to allow both provinces (EC and KZN) to hold joint public hearings in Matatiele, this is not in line with the Constitutional Court Judgement of August 2006 where it was stated that the KwaZulu-Natal failed to comply with section 118 of the constitution of the RSA. Therefore what I am expecting of the bill to address, is to revert back the former Matatiele Municipality to KZ5a3 according to municipal boundaries of 2000, thus when (I suppose) KZN will legally and lawfully be in a position to hold public hearings at Matatiele, otherwise KZN has no jurisdiction over Matatiele according to the controversial Constitution Twelfth Amendment Act of 2005.
3. Public hearings are open to corruption, intimidation and political manipulation as it was the case when the Eastern Cape was holding these hearings in the Maluti area before the matter was taken to the constitutional court by the people of Matatiele.
 - **Corruption:**
People were promised councillorship, job opportunities and projects if they support Eastern Cape. Let alone the recent reports by the Matatiele communities as on 3rd September 2007 where people did not sleep at night because of nocturnal politicians forcing our people side with the Eastern Cape during hearings with the benefit of getting meal-meal and jabulani soup.
 - **Intimidation:**
Those who are supporting KZN were told that they are not going to get social grants and their children will not get employment in the Matatiele Municipality and in the Eastern Cape province.
 - **Political Manipulation**
Councillors and government officials were and still deployed to use government resources to change the minds of the people thereby enticing them. Transport to the so-called public hearings was co-ordinated by the ward councillors who were instructed by their political principals to target pro-Eastern Cape people only, for transport. During the hearing proceedings, those who are known to be KZN supporters are not given platform to speak.

So I have no confidence in the public hearings, I therefore call for a referendum if the government is not convinced that 99% of the people of Matatiele and Maluti want to belong to KZN by choice.

**Lastly I am saying NO to Eastern Cape
YES to KZN it is my choice and I will ensure that my choice is winning based on the following reasons:**

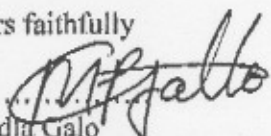
-I am a Hlubi, therefore I am culturally and otherwise linked in KwaZulu-Natal. For instance,the Kingdom of AmaHlubi is at EntabaMhlophe in Escort in KwaZulu-Natal.Yes, I do understand that AmaHlubi are all over in South Africa and in other neighbouring African countries after they were scattered after the battle between King Langalibalele of AmaHlubi and the Natal Cabineers under Lord Durnford broke out on November 1873. AmaHlubi are constituting 80% of the population at Matatiele,Amabhaca 10%, Sothos 8% and 2% is for other races.So if Matatiele is under KZN it will strengthen the Kingdom of AmaHlubi and our cultural activities/rituals in the Province.

-The majority of skilled and semi-skilled people of Matatiele are employed in Natal, not in the Eastern Cape.

-Economic opportunities are there for everybody in KwaZulu-Natal as compared to Eastern Cape where tribalism and nepotism is the order of the day.

-Health facilities are more accessible in KwaZulu-Natal as compared to Eastern Cape. For instance Health services at Matatiele Taylor Bequest Hospital are collapsing since the taking over of the Eastern Cape provincial government March 2007.

Yours faithfully


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