



The Minister of Justice must resign or be removed from Cabinet

27 August 2024

Dear Mr President.

The United South Africa Movement (TUSAM) has learned with deep shock about media reports appearing on Monday 26 August alleging the Minister of Justice, Mrs Thembi Simelane, has unduly and illegally benefited from loans granted by Gundo Wealth Solutions, a company which is now at the centre of a fraud trial linked to the VBS Mutual Bank collapse.

There can surely not be any doubt left about the considerable damage done to our country and its people by the succession of state capture, endless corruption scandals, rigged tender processes, and the abuse of power that seems to have become endemic in all spheres of government.

Mr President, you have made multiple public statements to the effect that corruption and wrongdoing will not be tolerated. You have pledged repeatedly to address the effects of state capture and corruption, and pledged to hold elected officials and members of government accountable for wrongdoing.

We are hereby urging you to demonstrate that these statements are more than just words. We are urging you to ask the Minister to tender her resignation, or, if she fails to accept the consequences of her actions, to use your constitutional authority to remove her from your cabinet.

Mr President, South Africans are exhausted by the endless flood of corruption cases surrounding elected officials and public servants. There can be no stronger signal, no more hopeful message to South Africans, as well as elected officials and public servants, that your administration is serious about addressing the lack of accountability by taking action against Minister Simelane.

Kind regards,

The United South Africa Movement Collective

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