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To : The President of Republic of South Africa  
President Cyril Ramaphosa

By email : presidentrsa@presidency.gov.za

Re : Request to fire Minister Bathabile Dlamini and remove her from public office.

Dear President Ramaphosa,

This correspondence follows a letter sent by OUTA to your office on 27 February 2018 (I attach a copy for ease of reference).

The recently released report by the retired Judge BM Ngoepe dated 4 April 2018 once again confirms that Minister Bathabile Dlamini is a liar and a fraud. She has continuously lied to the Constitutional Court, Parliament and the country; as well as disregarded a number of judgments passed against her, pertaining to the state of readiness of SASSA to take over grant payments from Cash Paymaster Services (CPS). The judge said, "Her explanation is unconvincing and therefore falls to be rejected: the appointment of work streams and their role was central to the whole exercise of meeting the deadline. Therefore, in dealing with any aspect relating to the crisis, it is difficult to understand how the Minister could have justifiably leave out the issue of the appointment of the work streams, their role, who appointed them, when and to whom they reported; especially when she was the one who had instructed that they be appointed, identified specific individuals to be appointed and ordered that they reported to her directly. Add to that the fact that Ms Mvulane reported to her regularly about their activities." I attach the report referred to in this paragraph, for ease of reference.

This Minister wilfully and knowingly manipulated the tender processes for reasons unbeknownst to us. We can only surmise that there was crookery between the Minister and CPS. What other reason could there be to risk the livelihood of the most vulnerable in

society? She deliberately delayed the implementation of an alternative to CPS, lied about the capabilities of the South African Post Office (SAPO) and manipulated the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) reports to ensure that the contract was extended to benefit CPS. It is ludicrous that the extension will result in recipients now personally paying an additional R10.00 in bank administration fees. An amount they cannot afford.

In her acts of continuously flouting the Constitutional Court's instructions, she compromised the neediest of our citizens, not only with regards to their limited financial stability, but their constitutional right to dignity and, in terms of Section 27, their right of access social security including social assistance.

Minister Dlamini does not deserve either the title or the role of Minister. She should be fired immediately from public office, as well as be held accountable for her deliberately engineered failings. It is ironic that she has been moved to the Ministry for Women, considering her record of abusing the benefits meant for oppressed elderly women and vulnerable children.

So Mr President, along with being relieved of her duties, OUTA strongly recommends that the Minister be reported to and subjected to the processes of Parliament's Joint Committee on Ethics and Members' Interests.

For the sake of transparency OUTA will also inform the South African public of the action we seek. This matter has been in the public domain since the saga began and it affects the millions of South Africans who do not have a voice. So, it is prudent to run education and information campaigns in this regard.

Yours sincerely



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