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To: Minister Senzo Mchunu

South Africa Minister of Police

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RE: The South Africa Entrepreneurs Business Association Concerns on Crime

The South Africa Entrepreneurs Business Association (referred to as “SAEBA”), as a collective through it’s members, employs 1000s of persons within South Africa and contribute circa. ZAR 500 billion / annum in revenue to the South African economy.

SAEBA is a non-profit organisation was established by independent entrepreneurs with a common vision to broaden and create a platform for the economic empowerment and development of business entrepreneurs in South Africa.

For us to effectively deliver on our socio-economic contract to “SA. Inc” we as entrepreneurs are on an hourly basis struggling with crime. This is not only negatively impacting us in a personal way but negatively impacting the entity’s/ businesses we participate in. Some of these criminal “acts” are as a result of not being South African enough, as a result of tribalism, as a result of religious differences and as a result of success all of which contributes to us “being targeted”. An example of such is the statistics showing that this targeted crime is moving from targeting material assets (watches, phones, etc...) to where Gauteng and KwaZulu Natal have been identified as hotspots for kidnappings for ransom and human trafficking of well-known

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and wealthy families, note as recent as the past few days another entrepreneur was targeted and kidnapped in Uitenhage

President of the ANC and of South Africa, Nelson Mandela, said “ **I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities**”.

SAEBA requests and puts on record that Kidnapping is Becoming a South African Pandemic and that SAEBA Condemns Kidnapping. We are of the opinion that a key enabler for a free society is the “elimination of crime” and we demand an immediate action plan from the Ministry of Police to “arrest” the Kidnapping Pandemic.

Further, SAEBA is of the opinion that the South African Ministry of Police and associated legal system needs to, amongst others;

- strengthen its justice system and re-consider the severity index across the criminal activities being conducted;
- strengthen its police service force and re-consider the applicability for service;
- strengthen the police service by stronger partnership with the military;
- strengthen the police service partnership with community and private security,;
- strengthen the police surveillance technologies and inclusion of an e-crime platform

With this in mind SAEBA confirms our determination to support South Africa and it’s people.

We offer our support in the relevant task forces driving prevention against crime and request an urgent face-to-face discussion with yourself/s to deliberate on the “criminal struggles” faced and co-develop solutions to such. We look forward to your response.

Regards,

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