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The Hon. Minister of Health  
Dr. A Motsoaledi

Dear Dr. Motsoaledi

1. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for allowing us an audience with you and the Hon. Minister of Transport, Mrs. D Peters on Thursday 11 February 2016. We appreciate your willingness to arrange such a joint meeting on short notice and on the same day as the opening of Parliament. We wish to express our thanks for your ability to grasp our complaint and your undertaking to respond to us once you have had an opportunity to discuss the same with the HPCSA. We look forward to your response in this regard.
2. I would further like to use this opportunity of enquiring whether I may be of any assistance in furthering your aspirations with the work of the Task Team on the Medical Negligence crisis. Also, may I enquire as to what state of completeness the Declaration prepared by the Task Team, has reached. Will it be published in due course incorporating the further suggestions sent by the South African Medico Legal Association (SAML A) and others?
3. Finally I attach hereto a letter received by me from Dr. G Howarth, the CEO of the Medical Protection Society (MPS) that insures all doctors worldwide against malpractice claims for damages suffered by patients, for your consideration. I make no comment in regard to their submissions and arguments.

Warm regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C.J. Claassen'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

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The Hon. Mr. Justice C.J.CLAASSEN