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Save South Africa condemns threats against ANC MP Khoza

The Save South Africa campaign condemns threats being made against ANC MP Dr Makhosi Khoza, and calls on the ANC leadership to discipline the cowards who are trying to intimidate her.

Dr Khoza is a woman of great courage who, in anticipation of the parliamentary vote of no confidence, is exercising her right to speak out about the devastating impact President Jacob Zuma is having on South Africa.

She deserves praise and protection. Instead, she has received death threats and the ANC Youth League in KwaZulu Natal has threatened to picket outside her home and at public appearances.

We fear for her safety, and that of her children, and call on the authorities to ensure she gets the necessary protection.

The attempts to bully Dr Khoza are clearly also an attempt to intimidate other ANC MPs. This is no way to deal with contrary views, as the ANC knows. It may not agree with everything she says, but the organisation cannot remain silent – it must stop the persecution of one of its own members of parliament.

Save South Africa calls on the ANC to speak out and publicly reprimand those who threaten her safety, and discipline them.

There is a lot at stake in the no confidence vote. But no matter how important the vote is, it should never be used as an excuse to bully dissenting voices, or to try to intimidate them into silence.