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## **Save South Africa is not a “new political party”**

The Save South Africa campaign rejects attempts to create the impression that it is “a new political party in the making”.

Since our launch on 2 November 2016, we have made it clear that we are a broad formation of existing civil society organisations and individuals who are increasingly disturbed at state capture and the disastrous consequences of President Jacob Zuma’s leadership.

Attempts by the ANC’s spokesperson yesterday to portray Save South Africa as anything other than a civil society campaign are mischievous and ill informed.

The easiest way for the ANC to build a better understanding of our campaign would be to respond to our request for a meeting to discuss our concerns, and to explain the nature of our campaign. A letter requesting this was delivered to the Secretary-General of the ANC on 14 November, and remains unanswered.

In that letter, we clearly stated the following:

“We write to you on behalf of a diverse and significant group of organisations, sectors and eminent leaders who have come together under the ‘Save South Africa’ campaign.

“We wish to request an urgent meeting with the leadership of the ANC. We are a group that has diverse interests and different ideological positions, but in unprecedented fashion we are united in the best interests of our country and people.

“We share a view on one important matter that we now believe requires the urgent attention of the ANC’s leadership, and that is the position of the President of the Republic.”

Our “People’s Motion of No Confidence” clearly outlines the case against President Zuma, and his performance in the National Assembly yesterday – where he showed he will continue his inappropriate relationship with the Gupta family – has confirmed our belief that no more time should be wasted.

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