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Att: Mr G Da Silva
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Dear Mr Da Silva,

Re: Response to a request for an urgent meeting discuss issues affecting fathers and necessary amendments to the Children's Act

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email, whose content I note with the seriousness it deserves.

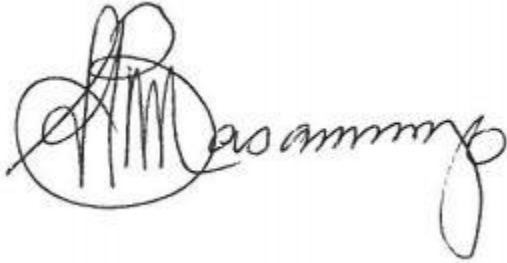
I am acutely mindful of the urgency of your request, having been part of the process in the 6th Parliament and had the benefit of listening to you and your colleagues' presentations.

As you would be no doubt aware, the part of the Children's Amendment Bill that includes the clauses you are concerned about, has to be fully presented to the 7th Parliament Portfolio Committee on Social Development as part of the 6th Parliament legacy report, and the process going forward, including your presentations, will be determined at that level. I will do my best to ensure that I facilitate processes from the Committee's side, being cognisant of the 24 months suspension contained in the Court Ruling you shared.

All key stakeholders in this process are seized with the matter you are driving and similar ones as there is a collective sense of ensuring that the best interest of the child is of paramount importance.

I trust that you will be part of all the engagements and processes in this regard - and look forward to working with you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms B S Masango', written over a large, faint watermark of the South African coat of arms.

MS B S MASANGO, MP
Chairperson: Portfolio Committee on Social Development

