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Chairperson of the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Communications (PPCC)

For Attention: Mr Boyce Maneli

By email: bmaneli@parliament.gov.za
CC: Hajiera Hey hsalie@parliament.gov.za

Dear Ms Salie

The People's Media Consortium (PMC) hereby expresses its support and endorsement for the submission on the SABC Bill that has been drafted by SOS Support Public Broadcasting Coalition (SOS), Media Monitoring Africa (MMA) and South African National Editor's Forum (SANEF) submission on the SABC Bill.

As an organization that is concerned about the state of public service broadcasting in South Africa, we echo the submitting organizations' view that the Bill should not be passed in its current form but withdrawn and rather sent back to the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (DCDT) for in-depth review and re-draft. This thorough process would ensure that the provisions of the next iteration protect and promote both editorial and institutional independence of the SABC and address the immediate financial crisis faced by the organization.

All this for the ultimate benefit of the millions of South Africans who rely on the SABC as their primary source of audio- and audio-visual news and information.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours truly

Martin Jansen Co-ordinator