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The Honorable
George W Crockett, Jr
Member of Congress
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Crockett

In a statement you made on April 17, 1986 before the House you highlighted two recent developments of significance in South Africa, namely the American Telephone and Telegraph Company's decision to disinvest in South Africa and the election of Bishop Tutu as the archbishop of Cape Town.

Since this time, the single most important and significant development that has occurred in South Africa has been the abolition of the pass laws. The abolition of these laws means that 34 pieces of legislation will be scrapped or amended. Indeed, the basis of the reform policy of the South African Government is that discrimination should be done away with. The decision to abolish influx control is most certainly a major step towards the removal of all racially discriminatory legislation from South Africa's statute books.

The abolition of the pass laws is a milestone of historic importance that we hope will lead to an acceleration of the politics of negotiation. The South African Government is committed to the attainment of a just and equitable society. It will certainly be a boost for the politics of peace and moderation if you could also direct the attention of members of Congress to this significant advancement.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Herbert Beukes'.

HERBERT BEUKES
AMBASSADOR

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