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The Honorable Herbert Beukes
Ambassador
Embassy of South Africa
3051 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am in receipt of your recent correspondence on your Government's decision to abolish the repressive pass laws. I hope, as you declare, that this decision will lead to "the removal of all racially discriminatory legislation from South Africa's statute books."

However, I am disturbed by reports that racial classification will persist in the substitute form of identity documents which indicate race. Obviously, the use of such a system of identification cards could continue the basic evil of the pass laws through a process of discriminatory enforcement.

I hope that this will not be the case, and that your Government will forthrightly address the fundamental demands of the oppressed Black majority in South Africa.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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