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The Honourable Thulas Nxesi, MP  
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Laboria House  
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Dear Minister Nxesi

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF UIF/TERS BENEFITS UNDER ALERT LEVEL 4 RESTRICTIONS**

As you are aware, Alert Level 4 restrictions were re-imposed from today, 28 June 2021, in response to the third wave of Covid-19 in South Africa. While it is important to stem the spread of the virus, these new restrictions will place tremendous strain on a number of businesses and employees, especially in the hospitality, alcohol and entertainment sectors, who have already suffered significant losses as a result of previous restrictions.

With this most recent announcement, I would urge you to reinstate the UIF-Covid19 TERS support to qualifying businesses and employees in those sectors which are prevented from full operations for the duration of time that the additional restrictions apply.

It is simply not fair to expect these businesses to continue with limited operations or even closer without the necessary financial support to ensure they remain operational and can retain their staff during the Alert Level 4 restrictions.

The reinstatement of this support could provide the lifeline that businesses and employees need to sustain their operations while these restrictions on the economy are in place and as such, need to be announced and made available as a matter of urgency if we are to prevent imminent business closures and further job losses.

Yours sincerely



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MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES  
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