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Dear Dr Hicks,

Re-Testimonial letter in respect of partnership with Abahlali baseMjondolo Movement SA.

Universities and university-trained intellectuals, so as lawyers have been to a very large extent far removed from day to day lived experiences of the people in communities.

It is for this reason why the shack dwellers's movement of South Africa Abahlali baseMjondolo has partnered with the School of Law programme. Apart from exposing young lawyers to real world in communities, Abahlali communities have through our Youth League developed a good working relationships and hope. The workshops on housing rights, evictions and gender-based violence have created conversations of mutual respect and benefit to both students and communities. For example, students have helped Abahlali communities facing evictions to take statements of personal circumstances of each family required by courts.

It is through this kind of collaboration of universities and community organizations that our society can be empowered.

It is my humble appeal that such partnership be supported if society at its large was to benefit from institutions of high learnings.

Yours sincerely,

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