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Dear Kevin

I am writing to **you**, as a member of the Australian Labor Party, to say thank-you for the assistance the Labor Party has provided to the ANC.

This week, 18 million South Africans will vote for the very first time! In an election that is not merely a contest between different political organisations, but a contest about **freedom**.

Since its inception the ANC has been committed to the creation of a non-racial, democratic South Africa. A South Africa that will protect the rights of the individual, while building a nation in which all are equal and secure.

It's a commitment I know is shared by the Australian Labor Party.

But the ban on the African National Congress was lifted a mere three years ago. And unlike you we have never fought an election. It's meant we've had to instantly acquire skills that under normal conditions would have taken decades. That's why, I want to take this opportunity to express my profound appreciation of the support our struggle has received from the Australian Labor Party, and therefore from you.

Support not just in international forums, but support for ANC endorsed activities through your federal government's aid program. And more recently, your Party's very direct assistance in providing campaign organisers.

The campaign expertise that Ian Henderson (Assistant National Secretary of the Labor Party) is currently providing our campaign, follows a long tradition of support from Labor's Parliamentary leadership. Support from leaders like Gough Whitlam, Bob Hawke and, more recently, Prime Minister Paul Keating.

It's therefore reassuring to know, that in these final days, I can continue to rely on the support of the Australian Labor Party. **And for this . . . I thank you.**

Yours in the struggle,

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ANC Candidate for the President of South Africa