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### MEDIA STATEMENT

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#### **MEC DISAPPOINTED AT DISTURBANCE OF BUS OPERATIONS BY TAXI OPERATORS**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has condemned the reported incident of disturbances of bus operations by allegedly taxi operators, which negatively affected the traveling of school learners in Emaphephetheni, Inanda, outside Pinetown.

As a result, the learners were forced to walk long distances to school because of the lack of their scholar transport, a service provided to them by the government. The reasons for this were allegedly that the buses took away business from the taxi operators.

**"As citizens, but especially business people, we must always desist from being protective of industries because they belong to all. Public transport is big and has great potential for growth. I am therefore disturbed to learn of this incident, which only achieved the sad infringement of our children's rights to go to school and access education which is critical to securing their and our nation's bright future. Such an act is therefore strongly discouraged because it is selfish. The Department of Transport and myself are always available to discuss matters of stakeholders' concern to ensure that the law is upheld at all times and to help foster public transport industry growth,"** said Mchunu.

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