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Dear Media Practitioners

Statement: Condolences to families of school children who died in motor vehicle accident.

The National Freedom Party in KZN would like to express its heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of school children who tragically died after the bakkie they were transported in lost control and crashed into a house in Imbali in Pietermaritzburg yesterday afternoon.

The NFP makes an urgent call to the National Assembly to put the National Scholar Transport Policy into law without delay. This policy would:

- Regulate the transportation of school learners
- Ensure the vehicles are roadworthy
- Transport operators would need to apply for a special license.
- All operators would have to register with the provincial regulatory entity.
- First aid training would be provided to all operators.

We believe these steps would have a huge impact in effects to turn the situation around. We also need to have strong consequences on those who put the lives of our children at risk by not following the law. As the NFP in the KZN Legislature, we will lobby both the provincial departments of basic education and transport to apply pressure on their national counter parts to adopt this law immediately.

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