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## MASTERS ATHLETICS FEDERATION OF INDIA - HIMACHAL PRADESH

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To,

**Mr. D. David Premnath**

Secretary General,

Masters Athletics Federation of India (MAFI)

Bengaluru, INDIA.

**And**

**To all the worthy Members, Officials and Associates of  
the MAFI community.**

With this letter, I would like to extend a message of solidarity and support to **Mr. D. David Premnath (Secretary General-MAFI)** and to show our trust in regulations, policies and advice laid down by **MAFI** for betterment of Masters Athletes in India under his leadership time and again.

Due to COVID-19 situation, it is a crucial time for all of us across the Nation including all athletes and **MAFI** officials which has made a profound effect on the conducting and managing sports events last year and this year too.

We came to know that taking advantage of this bad time, some people with malafide intentions are constantly making unnecessary intrusion in **MAFI's** work and defaming our 44 years old organization. With a flood of conspiracies against the Masters Athletics movement in India, efforts have been made and led by various individuals and now **AFI** to break our unity. It is ridiculous that **AFI** has challenged the functioning of **MAFI**. This move of **AFI** is utterly misleading. The **AFI's** idea of invoking a parallel National Championship is against the legal norms.

By circulating a note against **MAFI**, to challenge its working and operations, on social media and other platforms including its Web-site, reflects **AFI's** narrow thinking against **MAFI**. Taking immediate



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cognizance, **WMA** has already warned them and asked them to stop misleading athletes of India. They have cleared that **MAFI** is the only body recognized by **WMA** at International level. **AFI** has done many such efforts in the past as well.

This is the high time for all the state units of **MAFI** to show solidarity with our parent organization and stand shoulder to shoulder with our Federation. **MAFI** is responsible for more than 70,000 Master Athletes across the country. We need to give a strong reply so that no one can bring this kind of confusion among the athletes in future.

I strongly recommend that the **Ministry of Sports (Govt. of India)** should be made aware of all these developments and urge the Government of India to grant permanent accreditation to **MAFI**, at the earliest and to take strong action against **AFI**, its affiliation should be immediately called off and heavy penalty should be imposed for creating hurdles in smooth functioning of **MAFI**.

I would like to thank **Hon'ble Mr. Stanley J Perkins**, **WMA President Ms. Margit Jungmann**, **Secretary Ms. Maria Alfaro** and respected **Mr. Winston Thomas** for their continuous support to the **Masters Athletics Federation of India**.

*Dear All, Let us not be on the wrong side. Let us ensure we are on the side of truth and courage, the side of people who have passion for sports, not profit or politics. Let us continue to forge a future for **Master Athletics in India**, built on empathy, inclusion, trust and unity.*

I appeal to all the Associates of **MAFI** to connect concretely under the leadership of **General Secretary Mr. D. David Premnath**.

*With Gratitude and Admiration,*

Yours Truly,

**President**  
**Masters Athletics Federation of India**  
**Himachal Pradesh**

**(Ripudaman Kaushik)**

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**MAFI-Himachal Pradesh**