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ENDORSEMENT OF: OPEN LETTER FROM THE AFRICAN LION CONSERVATION COMMUNITY TO MINISTER CREECY URGING AN END TO SOUTH AFRICA'S CAPTIVE LION BREEDING INDUSTRY

The undersigned scientists endorse the letter from lion scientists to Minister Creecy dated Dec 1, 2020 titled 'Open letter from the African lion conservation community to Minister Creecy urging an end to South Africa's captive lion breeding industry.'

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