



The Scottish Parliament
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Dear Humza,

Thank you for your letter sent last night. While I'm glad to see that you have finally acknowledged that the Scottish Government should deliver "substantial benefits for people, communities and businesses right across the country", it is your failure to do so that led me to table a motion of no confidence in your position as First Minister.

Your belated abandonment of the disastrous Bute House Agreement with the Greens will not solve the problems in our NHS, schools, police and other vital services.

Your refusal to "discuss concerns and indeed priorities, in a hopefully constructive spirit", as you put it, is precisely what has led to the parliament's complete loss of confidence in your leadership, and the unravelling of so many of your policies.

Instead, you have consistently prioritised your campaign for independence above the real concerns of the Scottish public – and you have shown no sign of remorse for the damage your policies have inflicted on Scotland, or offered any proposals to reverse them.

Now is surely the moment to accept that your time in office is over and offer your resignation as First Minister.

Yours sincerely

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