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Dear Douglas,

I am sure you will agree it is important for the people of Scotland that its parliament at Holyrood works well. Indeed, previous parliaments with minority governments have worked effectively, delivering substantial benefits for people, communities and businesses right across the country.

For that to happen, each group within the parliament must contribute constructively, and I believe Scotland's people want to see their political parties work together where and when they can, building consensus for the common good.

I recognise the strong feelings in relation to the confidence debate our parliament is set to have next week. Notwithstanding that, I am writing to all Holyrood party groups to ask them to meet me next week, in separate meetings, to discuss their concerns and indeed priorities, in a hopefully constructive spirit.

I would therefore like to invite you to Bute House next week so that we can discuss matters and establish the scope for common ground.

My office will take forward any diary arrangements required to schedule a meeting.



**HUMZA YOUSAF**