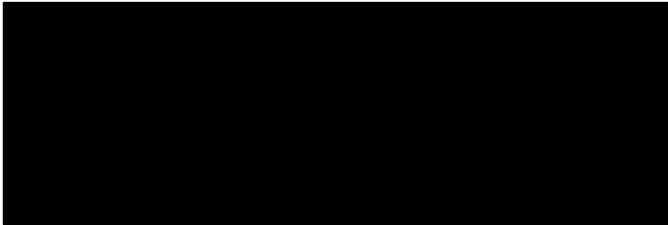


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Dear First Minister,

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Please add my name  
to all those now demanding  
an immediate ban on all  
secession marches in Scotland.

Yours faithfully,

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20 September 2019

Nicola Sturgeon F.M.  
T4 25  
The Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh  
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Dear Nicola Sturgeon F.M.,

I am sending you this letter due to the recent events taking place in Glasgow city centre due to the marches on both sides of the religious divide, which are unacceptable and cannot be tolerated in modern day Scotland. If the truth is to be told the orange order have incessantly celebrated a battle which took place in 1690 329 years ago in the Boyne Northern Ireland, and the republican side have incessantly celebrated a war against the British Government in 1926 93 years ago.

That said, if these marches are allowed to continue year on year, then quite frankly Scotland will soon become the Northern Ireland of the seventies/eighties which we as Scottish people don't want on our doorstep. It is very noticeable that there are more marches by both sides of the religious divide in Scotland, than there has been in Northern Ireland over recent years which must be prevented and stopped at all costs.

Furthermore, the Scottish police are not equipped to deal with the consequences of the troubles experienced and witnessed in Northern Ireland, therefore, in my opinion this government must

introduce legislation banning all sectarian marches in Scotland as a whole. I would further suggest that the leaders of both sides meet yourself and Humza Yousaf and the police for talks sooner than later, and make it plain to them that these walks must cease for the safety of Scotland as a whole.

If by chance you care to look closely at the BBC Scotland evening news report on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, you will see that there is a child of approximately three years of age wearing an orange order sash on in a pram. I would strongly suggest that this child hasn't got a clue as to why she was there or the meaning of the sash she is wearing, therefore, it might be fair to say that bigotry is at the root of those involved on both sides of the religious divide.

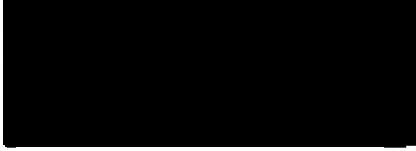
It was also claimed that they were protesting on religious grounds as their right, yes, that may be true since the orange order is anti-Catholic due to King James I of Scotland and VI of England. The republican side want a united Ireland, thus bigotry is at their roots in equal terms.

Furthermore, if the organisers persist in their democratic rights to march under law, then, the government should make it a requirement under law that they pay the police bill in full prior to the event taking place. The reason being that their march takes 400 + police away from the wider community who require their presence on the streets, and if they fail to comply under legislation then deny them their marching rights.

The organisers may argue that they pay their taxes, true, and yet, the rest of society who equally pay their taxes are denied their rights to having police on the streets when required. I would also contend that the policing of these events are policed by police, who are brought in when they are normally not on duty as per their rosters. That said, their pay would be double or more per hour, therefore, we the rest of society are not getting justice for the taxes they pay to either government.

If you then add the fact that police are brought in from other forces, we have to add their travelling expenses and transport costs to the bill overall. In the meantime I look forward to receiving your response to this letter.

Yours Sincerely





Nicola Sturgeon,

Well done to the SNP for achieving what the horrendous 30 year troubles in Northern Ireland could never do and that was to bring the troubles of NI to the streets of Scotland and Scotland's major cities, we seen in those troubled times many major incidents on mainland British cities, but thankfully no major incidents arrived on our doorstep, fast forward to present day and we now have a Scottish Government who allows allies of terrorist organisation to march through our streets and openly chant their support for IRA and the excuse given is that's their human rights to march, this is a total nonsense and should never be allowed this is an organisation that do not respect human rights and have murdered civilians and soldiers ( some Scottish) with no regard for human rights.

I have noticed over the last couple of years that these type of republican marches have become more popular under SNP government and I just hope the good and sensible people of Scotland get an eyeful of what Scotland would become if it became Independent under SNP.

We now have enough problems in Scotland with SNP driving wedges between neighbour's and friends with their grievance politics in their quest for independence so we certainly don't need Ireland's problems on our streets where innocent civilians are put at risk and an already depleted police force are stretched to the limit to control idiots on either side of the religious divide.

Surely where public safety is concerned that should be the mandate for marches not the human rights of terror organisations.

Regards



Nicola Sturgeon MSP  
T4.25  
The Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh  
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9<sup>th</sup> September 2019



Dear First Minister,

For the first time in my 43 years of being born, educated and living in the West of Scotland I am embarrassed to be a Glaswegian.

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September I had gone for a cycle to get some exercise and my three boys, aged 15, 15 and 12 were planning to take the train from Bishopbriggs into Queen Street and then onto Hynland to visit my mum in the house where I grew up.

My cycle was cut short by the march taking place at the Broomielaw and as I tried to get a safe place to cross the Clyde I encountered a number of counter protesters to this march. I witnessed the amount of police who were being abused by the counter protesters who were trying to keep the protesters and marchers apart. I witnessed these counter protesters planning, pointing and phoning each other along the Broomielaw, close to the Sherriff Court and at every junction I cycled past.

At this point I decided that I did not want my children to travel to town on their own for their own safety so I cut short my cycle and returned home and I drove them to my mum's house.

I have been a victim of racially motivated hate crime and number of times living in Glasgow, most recently I was pushed onto the road and called a "black bastard" when I was walking with my wife on a Saturday afternoon. I have never felt that I was not Glaswegian or Scottish but on Saturday I was embarrassed to be both.

First Minister, I work for Scotland's largest recruitment agency where we are focussed on attracting talent and labour to Scotland based on the quality of life, the benefits that the Scottish Government have given us compared to the rest of the UK and the tolerance of the Scottish people. I work with the Scottish Government to raise awareness of Human Trafficking in the Business Community and I support Migrant Help who help to resettle the victims of Modern Slavery into a new life in Scotland. I work with the Bridges Programme to support asylum seekers who are given remain to leave in the UK into work as new Scots.

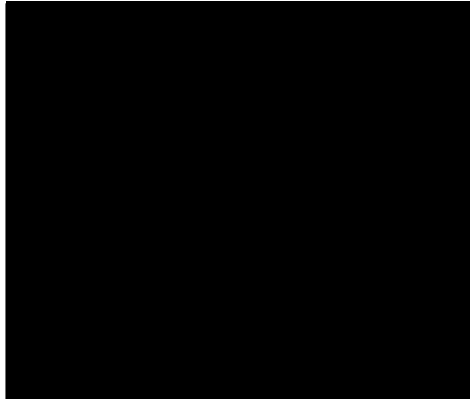
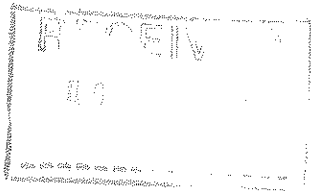
After witnessing these events I do not see what the attraction would be for any of these new migrants to Scotland would be. I also question the future of my children living here. My wife who is a nurse in the NHS left Northern Ireland because she could not tolerate the sectarianism there anymore.

What I witnessed on Saturday, what I have seen on the news over the last few weeks in your constituency and having grown up seeing the anger and hate caused by the Orange Order marches has filled me with anger.

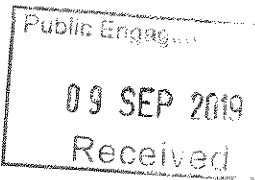
I am asking you to question why Glasgow City Council allows any of the religiously charged marches to take place in our city, I am asking you why the Scottish Government has not done more to stop any of the hate filled marches taking place in Scotland. I would be very keen to meet with you to discuss this as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely





5<sup>th</sup> September 2019



**SECTARIANISM & BIGOTRY**

The good citizens of Glasgow and indeed all of Scotland could not have failed to be sickened and horrified at the disturbing scenes in Govan recently during the sectarian march and anti-protestors. A former First Minister also drew our attention once again to the continuing problems of bad behaviour and bigotry displayed in Rangers and Celtic football matches.

Perhaps if Rangers FC and Celtic FC were strongly encouraged to promote only their own non-sectarian and non-political Club Flags during matches it might help to get away from the scourge of the religious and political confrontational divisions being stoked by fans flying Irish Tricolor or Union flags in an attempt to distance these football clubs from their historical associations with bigotry, religion and political allegiance in an effort to keep the public safe and make the beautiful game of football the real winner.

Yours faithfully,



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Ms Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh EH99 1SP



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Gov. Nindia,

I'm glad you have spoken out about "Sectarian" Marches and the trouble they cause. However it is not enough to talk about it, these marches cause nothing but hatred and trouble so the time has come for your government to step in and stop these marches and so let the public you represent be free of fear, be afraid to leave their homes or go about their legitimate business, act as not wants,

Your Reference:

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Dear First Minister

What is happening to our Country when the powers that be Continue to allow Anti Catholic Parades to Parade by Catholic Churches please can someone explain why do they insist on walking past them when they can easily go past in most cases on another street, It also seems that Anti Catholic Hatred is Getting worse in Scotland as only yesterday having to listen on Live TV to Songs like No Pope of Rome, Up to their Knees in Fenian Blood and Another Disgraceful Song about the Lisbon Lions being Sung at Ibrox and thats with their team winning, in the end we decided to turn the volume down but this is truly Disgraceful and Embarrassing for our Country and this was not by the minority Why do We need to continue to accept this in Scotland.

Kind Regards

A very Disappointed Scot.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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Emails/Letters

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 July 2019 19:59  
**To:** First Minister <[firstminister@gov.scot](mailto:firstminister@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** Orange Walks

I have been a member of the snp for 3 plus years but last weekend was enough for me. I fully back the SNP for there stance on Scottish independence but lack of respect for bigotry in the west of Scotland is abysmal. We for years upon years have put up with the bigotry , racism , hatred and fear tactics used every year around the 12th of july is disgusting. I know locals are scared to leave there houses because of the intimidation caused by these thugs. I have over 100 local snp memebers like myself who are disgusted by the Scottish government's stance on this menace to society. I have also spoken to the local Catholic and Muslim community about this problem and they share the same belief that this has to stop. If any normal man or woman would spout this hatred on a normal basis they would be arrested and rightly so and there lyes the point why is still happening every year. The local catholic and muslim community have also asked why they cant march on the start or end of every lent or Ramadan. I fully understand Nicola Sturgeon has embraced all religious faiths but until these hatred marches have ended scotland will never be rid of bigotry , hatred and most importantly racism. We all live in a multi cultural society so why should the Orange Order who state they are embracing there protestant faith in wich the majority never attend church on a regular basis be allowed to terrorise normal every year around the 12th of july. We have seen social media videos from last with numerous offences being committed but police scotland are not interested in arresting these hooligans. I am giving the Scottish government 14 days to reply with a plan to move forward on this issue or myself and over 100 in the local community will be withdrawing our memberships from the snp. This is a last ditch attempt to get our voices heard and the local news outlets will be the next port of call if our voices are not heard.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** Greg Councillor Hepburn <[greg.hepburn@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:greg.hepburn@glasgow.gov.uk)>;  
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**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 16:22:40 BST  
**Subject:** Orange Order marches of hate

Dear All,

I would very much like to hear your thoughts, on the most recent incidents regarding this organisation, the catholic community once again, had to endure a day, where we fear entering our city centre, and also have to endure taunts and songs of hate as they pass our places of worship, as you will be aware only last year a parish priest and his parishioner's were attacked by this order, and yet they are still allowed to spout their hatred of our faith, with it looks like the approval of the, Police, GCC, Scottish Government and the UK Parliament.

I am still awaiting to hear any of you condemn this organisation and what they stand for, and what they put our community through, it would be good, to hear what plans you have to ensure that this stops, if any, as your silence seems, to say you think its all ok?

I look forward to hearing from you.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 9, 2019 8:58:45 AM  
**To:** Sturgeon N (Nicola), MSP  
**Subject:** Sectarian marches

Hi,

Just wanted to know what the governments plans are regarding sectarian marches on our streets every summer? Some of the scenes again this year are totally unacceptable in a modern day country.

I will not vote for SNP again until there is clear plans in place to rid our great country of this evil every year and I can see we are moving forward. If this was directed at any other group in our society, you as first minister would be condemning it, yet nothing on Orange parades.

*Regards,*

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Orange Walks

Hello,

I'm definitely not your biggest fan so I will keep this short as possible.

Why in this day and age anti-catholic marches are still allowed to occur in this country is not only completely and utterly abhorrent, but an embarrassing joke to your government for allowing it to happen. People are consistently year after year being attacked and assaulted by these vile marchers and yet, shockingly but not surprisingly, the SNP do nothing about it. These hateful, bigoted marches are disgusting, unnecessary and extremely embarrassing. For these idiotic simpletons to march and celebrate something that happened in 1690 is utterly bizarre, but then to sing "up to our knees in fenian blood" is horrid. A friend at university told me that the two racist attacks that he has endured in Scotland were both whilst these marches were happening (one on his first day in Scotland) by the people participating and now he goes back to Pakistan with those stories. In my opinion and surely anyone else's with more than two brain cells (which is definitely more than any of those people marching), the only group of people that are ruining Scotland more than those brain dead imbeciles, are the SNP. As if you couldn't worsen Scotland anymore, you allow this to continue. Embarrassing, sort it out.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 July 2019 19:17  
**To:** First Minister <[firstminister@gov.scot](mailto:firstminister@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** Sectarianism in Scotland

Dear First Minister

Its 2019 and yet again I'm unable to walk the streets of Glasgow without feeling threatened and bullied by the Orange Order marching in pure hatred of my Catholic religion .

Why in the name of god in 2019 are you allowing this to happen ? If they or any other group were marching against LGBTQ communities you would soon get the police to stop it so why are Catholics treated differently?

I as you bring to the table legislation that bans all sectarian parades and flag flying . In my local town of LARKHALL its vile to walk the schemes and streets as a catholic . I'm sure Protestants find other parts of Scotland equally hard .

Its vile , its bigoted and sectarian. Please rid scotland of it all. Halfway measures to appease won't work . Ban all sectarian marches and flag flying .

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 May 2019 21:55  
**To:** First Minister <[firstminister@gov.scot](mailto:firstminister@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** Glasgow Marches

Hi Nicola,

I know you are a busy lady - and very much an inspiration to the majority of the country.

These religious marches that happen in Glasgow need to stop. Not a great image for a modern Scotland.

People can express themselves in their places of worship - not marching through our biggest city.

Regards  
[REDACTED]

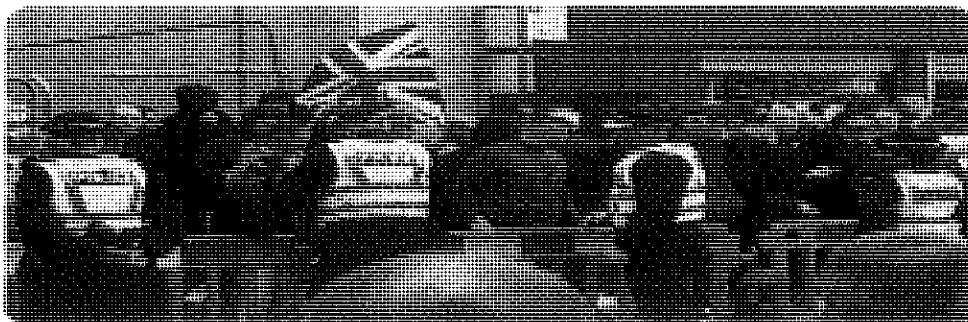
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**Mr Glasgow**  
@MrGlasgow84

This is what an anti-Catholic march in Glasgow, 2019 looks like. This is taking place past a Catholic church. Listen to the jeers, the shouts of 'Fenian Bastards', look carefully at their hangers-on...this friends, is blatant intimidation & provocation.

@Call\_It\_Out\_



Tweet your reply



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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 September 2019 10:48

To: First Minister <[firstminister@gov.scot](mailto:firstminister@gov.scot)>

Subject: Saoradh

Good Morning.....the above have been banned from marching in Northern Ireland and the Republic so why have they been granted permission to march in Glasgow....I trust you will have the decency to answer and I thank you in anticipation of a swift reply...regards [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 27 July 2019 22:06

**To:** First Minister <[firstminister@gov.scot](mailto:firstminister@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** Sectarian Protesters

Hi Nicola

Seen the footage of the "protesters" outside a Catholic priests house today?  
Shouting and singing sectarian and racist bile?

Being a first generation Scot,from Irish parents I consider myself Scottish but shit like this scrapes away at my identity all the time.

I don't consider myself a Catholic, though I was brought up one and feel that all faiths have the right to be in peace. This isn't happening here... Is it?

Shamefully watching the Police allowing these reprobates scream and abuse without so much as lifting a finger is disgusting.

When we lost the Indy ref in 2014 My wife and I joined the SNP in the hope that you would at best achieve Independence, at worst, govern us to be a better nation... I'm not convinced on either.

And please dont roll out the clichéd "both as bad as each other". It's not true. And we all know it.

I don't expect a response but if you do read it, we are sick of it.

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2019 4:22:40 PM

**To:** Greg Councillor Hepburn; [Robert.Connelly@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:Robert.Connelly@glasgow.gov.uk);

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[jennifer.layden@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:jennifer.layden@glasgow.gov.uk); Mason J (John), MSP; Sturgeon N (Nicola), MSP  
**Subject:** Orange Order marches of hate

Dear All,

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I look forward to hearing from you.

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to request any data you may hold regarding violence and hate crime associated with orange walks.

Any information can be sent to this email address [REDACTED] .

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 19 May 2019 15:08

**To:** [carol.monaghan.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:carol.monaghan.mp@parliament.uk); Yousaf H (Humza), MSP

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**Subject:** Tweet by Mr Glasgow on Twitter

Dear Susan et al,

Do any of you have any idea how this looks to the outside world. This is Scotland in 2019, is this the Scotland that you all want to be part of?

I am disgusted at all of you for your apathy in this regard and unwillingness to step up to the mark and take a stand at this level of intimidation of Catholics in Glasgow practising their faith. Shame on all of you.

Police Scotland are clearly unwilling to do anything about it and do not see a problem. Do any of you think that this is an efficient use of valuable police resources ?

Would an anti Muslim march be allowed to march past a mosque or an anti Semitic march be allowed to march past a synagogue, what's the difference ?

The only difference is that Catholic's have put up with this for decades, well enough is enough, we live in more enlightened and tolerant times.

I have voted SNP for decades but refuse to do so again until this issue is addressed.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

**Mr Glasgow (@MrGlasgow84)**

18/05/2019, 15:00

Policing an anti-Catholic march...in numbers...all parked vans full to capacity with officers... [pic.twitter.com/ejsPBUDITu](https://pic.twitter.com/ejsPBUDITu)

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 15 April 2019 18:38

To: processions@ced.glasgow.gov.uk; First Minister

Subject: Easter Sunday Orange Order March

Dear Public Processions Committee and First Minister of Scotland,

I am writing to express my disgust and my concern that you would consider allowing an orange walk to go past St Alphonsus and St Mary's catholic churches on Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday is an important occasion within the Catholic church.

I am sure you are aware that the priest of that parish has been verbally abused and spat on (a hate crime) before by members of the Orange Order. If this abuse had taken place in any other section of society to other minority groups (Jewish, Muslim), I am sure the perpetrators would not be allowed past the religious buildings.

I feel it is inflammatory and I do not feel an anti-Semitic March would be allowed past a synagogue at a time of their prayers. Just because it is home-grown bigotry, does not mean it is acceptable.

If people are so insistent on marching for this ancient cause, it should be routed so it does not pass catholic churches or schools at time of celebration within the Catholic faith, as it is inciting hatred.

There is no place for bigotry in the modern world and Scotland preaches inclusion and fairness for all. Why are people still living in the past instead of moving forward where we all have an equal place!

Yours sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 April 2019 09:25  
**To:** [processions@ced.glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:processions@ced.glasgow.gov.uk)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; First Minister <[firstminister@gov.scot](mailto:firstminister@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** Orange Order Anti Catholic Parade

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to register my objection to the route of the anti-Catholic march due to pass St Alphonsus and St Mary's church on Easter Sunday this year. There is simply no need for this provocative act of hatred which brings our city into disrepute. It is unacceptable for a minority to be intimidated in this way, especially one in a protected category under the 2010 Equality Act.

The Orange Order's entire existence is built on hatred for the Catholic church and its community and Glasgow City Council and Police Scotland should no longer permit this show of hatred on our street in 2019. The Scottish government says so much about Scotland being a progressive country yet it is still acceptable for anti Catholic hatred marches to parade through our streets and past Catholic churches on Easter Sunday. This would not be allowed to happen with any other religion. It seems Scotland is still living in 1690!

Glasgow City Council can aid Police Scotland by making keeping the peace easier by avoiding a situation which has on another occasion resulted in hate crime.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Dear MSPs,

Although it is laudable that you are condemning the recent terror atrocity in New Zealand, you should clean and tidy your own back yard first.

Pernicious Orange marches still take place in Glasgow, and other towns, which are a form of terrorism towards Catholics and which glorify the colonialism of England against the indigenous Irish hundreds of years ago and which has led to the partition of Ireland and all of the subsequent dreadful 'troubles'.

Then, and only then, when you have achieved this can you stand up against terrorism and racism elsewhere. Also, you do need to apply common sense and wisdom regarding the threat to criminalise parents who slap their children when this is needed. (To fail to gently chastise them when they are small leads to the likelihood of them being chastised by the legal system later on).

Also, your legal system is too heavily biased against men and which needs to be addressed as it frequently breaks up families, particularly when women know they can lie and be believed by the authorities.

Yours sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 7:08:22 PM  
To: Sturgeon N (Nicola), MSP  
Subject: Susan Aitken

Hi Nicola

I would like to hear your views on why Susan Aitken is doing all she can to stop Protestant marches while not being particularly unhappy about an IRA protest being held, it's ok for murderers to be represented it seems as long as they are from one side of the divide. Also her smear campaign regarding the Tory MP due to him having the audacity to be a guest of Rangers.

Once again as long as it is for one side of the divide in what is becoming more and more a Republican cesspit each passing day, your party is setting this country on the road to ruin, dividing not uniting. One Scotland? As long as you went to the right school.

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 20 September 2019 10:51  
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot  
Subject: Govan Marches

Dear First Minister,

The following statement was issued recently:

?A council spokesman said: ?The council has been placed in an impossible position in relation to the parade in Govan.

?Police Scotland has said that should the procession not go ahead, many of the 800 people due to take part will react angrily ? which could lead to violence and a significant impact on the local community.

?We deeply regret that the wider community in Govan will be subject to this disruption. However, police have made it absolutely clear that this could be made worse if these people are not allowed to march.

?The council has asked the organisers to voluntarily withdraw this notification, which they have refused to do.

?Today, we are directly appealing to them to reconsider that decision and think about the impact of their actions on the community in Govan and on tensions across the city.

?We also call on other groups not to mount protests against the march.?

Are Police Scotland failing in their sworn duty?

Is it really being proposed that if these Neanderthals don't get what they want, they will riot? So we had better let them march!

In a Scottish city and Police Scotland will stand idly by?

We would be obliged if you would raise this matter with the Minister responsible, the proper authorities and also in the Scottish Parliament.

Thank you and kindest regards.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 30 March 2019 16:11

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: Sectarian marches

Dear Ms Sturgeon,

I am a good friend of Canon White who was attacked by sectarian marchers last year and I would like to register a formal objection to the march due to pass St Alphonsus and St Marys on Easter Sunday, 21st April 2019.

Both Churches will be in use at the times of the march and it is wholly unacceptable that anti-Catholic marches are allowed to pass Catholic Churches.

As First Minister I believe there needs to be a stronger voice from the top of Scottish politics and government to make it clear that such intimidation is wholly unacceptable in a modern Scotland.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 20 September 2019 09:16

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: Ban all sectarian marches in our country

Nicola I feel really strong about banning all these types of marches as there is no place for them in today's current climate. The money and resources to police these marches could be put to much better use. These marches only add to the bigotry and division in this country and thus must be stamped out.

Please get the law changed to ban these type of marches

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 19 September 2019 19:25

**To:** First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; [Redacted] **Subject:** official request

**Importance:** High

To all addressed;

<https://stv.tv/news/west-central/1440900-glasgow-marches-to-go-ahead-in-fear-of-flute-band-s-reprisal/>

'Police Scotland has given us explicit advice which states that, **should the procession not go ahead, the 800 people due to take part will react angrily - which could lead to violence and a significant impact on the local community.**' Glasgow City Council spokesperson

This needs an explanation.

Why have you allowed this? Why are you being blackmailed by violence? Why are we paying the Police to protect terrorists? Are you policing them or are they policing you??

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/terrorism>

"Terrorism is the **use or threat of action**, both in and outside of the UK, designed to influence any international government organisation or to **intimidate the public**. It must also be for the purpose of advancing a **political, religious**, racial or ideological cause."

Examples include:

serious violence against a person or damage to property,  
endangering a person's life (other than that of the person committing the action),  
**creating a serious risk to the health or safety of the public or a section of the public**,

So which areas of Glasgow are you now saying we are forbidden from entering as it will be too dangerous? Can you make a map of the safe regions for normal law abiding citizens.

You do realise that if you allow this you will open gates that you may never be able to close? Surely a referendum is preferable to street level "last man standing"?

Have you noticed how many peaceful people marched through Glasgow, Aberdeen, Perth, Dundee, Edinburgh etc. peaceful by choice, they weren't all old ladies with dogs. You are literally risking civil war on our streets by this course of action and teaching children that violence is the best way to solve disagreements.

3rd time lucky??? They have used violence twice previously, they even injured one of your officers. Are you policing them or are they policing you??

Stewart, you are my MP, an explanation is required under your official job description.

Nicola, you are my First Minister, an explanation is required under your official job description.

James, you are my MSP, an explanation is required under your official job description.

Police Scotland. You are promoting and assisting in a crime, the crime of terrorism quite clearly covered in Acts of Parliament as stated above. Just because the group are your friends doesn't suddenly make it legal.

CONTEST - The strategy sets out the threat we face and our priorities for dealing with the Terrorist Threat and is based on four areas of work.

**PURSUE – to stop terrorist attacks**

**PREVENT – to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism**

PROTECT – to strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack

PREPARE - to mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack

You are doing the exact opposite, you are protecting and giving terrorists credibility and the right and justification to be violent when they want, how they want, where they want and for whatever reason they want. Are you policing them or are they policing you??

I am off to buy an ice-cream on Saturday, are you saying it is I that shouldn't go because some Police and Council sanctioned political religious activists will be violent and there would be risk to life by going to buy an ice-cream in the city I pay Council Tax to?

I'd like to remind you that Policing on this island is a matter of consent.

Are you now refusing to Police our streets?

Court. I'm hoping at least you haven't completely lost your minds. Please pass this to any judge during a recess.

Awaiting your response. If you want a letter by recorded post just ask.

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Date:** 10 September 2019 at 17:59:54 BST

**To:** [Nicola.Sturgeon.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Nicola.Sturgeon.msp@parliament.scot)

**Subject:** Ref Republican Walk

Good Evening

I was horrified to say the least at the troubles that came about on Saturday regarding another Republican Walk in Glasgow.

There may have been a few law abiding citizens in the March. It was disgusting seeing some of these supporters carrying banners promoting the IRA. This was very disturbing especially being allowed to happen on our streets. The IRA should in no way be promoted they were a terrorist group who killed and tortured our citizens and our military and brought destruction to our streets. This is a personal insult to these people. The IRA is obviously looking a ways of starting to rise again as a new generation comes forward. If they are allowed to promote by having supporters in these Marches then they will grow support for their organisation and become an army of hatred, destruction and criminals all over again. Democracy doesn't even come into this , people should have a right to protest. These demonstrations are set to cause problems not solve them. Ignite a simmering flame.

I am extremely proud of my country and what we stand for. This is degrading and I was ashamed of what happened. Innocent people caught up in the horrendous acts of violence both from the republicans and the loyalists. I feel if these marches are allowed to continue sectarianism will start to spiral out of control. Also, it will promote more hate groups and more troubles.

We cannot be seen to allow further marches to go ahead. As a country we cannot promote and as our leader you should act in whatever way possible to stop and condemn these.

People are saying it's to do with Brexit Personally I do not agree. This is only an excuse. I feel it's being more highlighted due to Brexit and the uncertainty of the country. There has been demonstrations in Dublin as there are organisations who want all of Ireland to be free of the UK.

I look forward to your reply

Regards

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 09 September 2019 14:27  
**To:** First Minister <[firstminister@gov.scot](mailto:firstminister@gov.scot)>  
**Cc** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Complaint: Friday 30th August

Dear First Minister,

I write this to yourself as a disgusted and concerned Scottish citizen, in the hope that any further similar "parades" are prohibited from Scotland's streets.

Having witnessed the many mainstream news reports and evidence on social media of the disgusting events in Glasgow on the evening of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019, whereby a planned "parade" and show of support for so called Irish Republicanism was given the green light to go ahead.

I'm am struggling to understand how this "parade" could ever be sanctioned on any street in the world and certainly not in my home country. The motives were clear and clear evidence that this was nothing other than a show of support for the IRA whom are a prescribed Terrorist group

Hearing such chanting of "Get the Brits out now", and pro-active chanting for the IRA, on the streets of Scotland is highly antagonizing and certainly offensive at least, to many citizens of Scotland. Given that we are so proudly part of the Great British empire, then to have such large numbers chanting such slogans on the streets of Britain is nothing but shameful.

More worrying though than offensive chanting, was the proud display of a SORAIADH banner as a frontal display to this "event". Again to be able to demonstrate such support for a Terrorist organization on our streets is disgusting, of which there seemed no reprimand or police action to be taken at the time.

I'm sure you are aware of the recent high profile news articles relating to this organization inclusive of:

1) The Leader saying violence inevitable.

<https://www.newstalk.com/index.php/news/saoradh-leader-warns-violence-inevitable-898523>

2) The horrific murder of journalist Lyra Mckee and their disgusting response to the follow on:

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/apr/19/new-ira-and-saoradh-face-backlash-over-lyra-mckee>

3) Bombs sent to Glasgow University

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-47538402>

The events of the 30<sup>th</sup> August were nothing short of illegal in displaying support for Terrorist organizations on our streets, and given the ugly scenes involving large number political protestors against this, then there is a fear that we are almost bringing the troubles of Ireland in the 70's to the streets of Glasgow in 2019, which it appears the SNP are supporting given their backing of such "parades" to be given the go ahead, whilst clear evidence of the true nature of such events are being ignored , inclusive of Police Scotland input.

A sorry, sorry day for Scotland with scenes no doubt witnessed around the world, of a country seen to promote celebratory events in support of prescribed terrorist organization's whose crimes against British forces, families and children can never be forgotten and the ongoing pain of such.

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 9, 2019 4:38:41 PM  
**To:** Sturgeon N (Nicola), MSP  
**Subject:** Marches

On Saturday my wife and I decided to meet friends in Glasgow city centre for lunch and drinks then a meal later on, little did we know our day was completely ruined by bigots on both sides of the divide, I am completely ashamed of my city as were others our friends were visiting from Canada and could not understand the scenes we witnessed, my wife and I were totally embarrassed to say the least listening to the bile and spurious insults being hurled, these marches need to be banned to stop the shameful scenes we witnessed, that's the city centre now out of bounds due to more marches being organised I am ashamed of my city and I did not for one moment think I would utter those words BAN ALL MARCHES now.

Yours angrily  
[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Saturday, September 7, 2019 3:54:33 PM

**To:** Sturgeon N (Nicola), MSP <[Nicola.Sturgeon.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Nicola.Sturgeon.msp@parliament.scot)>

**Cc:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** Fwd: Republican March 07/09/2019 Glasgow

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From** [Redacted]

**Date:** 7 September 2019 at 15:17:12 BST

**To:** [Redacted]

**Cc:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** Fwd: Republican March 07/09/2019

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [Redacted]

**Date:** 7 September 2019 at 14:39:05 BST

**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** Republican March 07/09/2019

Please note that I have attached a quote and pictures from the Sean McIlvenna Republican band where they say they are an IRA band who are promoting sectarian and terrorist activities while bearing fire arms, WHY are these people being allowed to march and cause mayhem on our city streets.

As a council tax paying resident I am not happy about city funds being misused to accommodate these marchers

I wait in anticipation for views and comments on why these republican marches are allowed

Regards  
[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 8, 2019 8:57:05 AM  
**To:** Nicola Sturgeon <[Nicola.Sturgeon@snp.org](mailto:Nicola.Sturgeon@snp.org)>  
**Subject:** Republican March

Dear Ms Sturgeon

I am contacting you regarding the debacle in Glasgow City Centre on 7 September 2019. I am angry and astonished at the decision to allow another Republican march in Glasgow at the weekend. The fact that they support the terrorist group I.R.A is totally unacceptable and should never have been allowed to take place. Bearing in mind that it isn't that long since a letter bomb was sent to Glasgow University by the aforesaid organisation. What next ISIS? You cannot determine which terrorist supporting organisation you allow to parade on the streets of Glasgow. I look forward to hearing how you can justify this.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted]

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** [FirstMinisterWebsite@gov.scot] <[FirstMinisterWebsite@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinisterWebsite@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 08 September 2019 19:10  
**To:** First Ministers Website Mailbox <[FirstMinisterWebsite@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinisterWebsite@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** Violence on the streets of Glasgow

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Violence on the streets of Glasgow

Message Body:

I was born and bred in Glasgow, I consider myself a proud Glaswegian. I am appalled what the SNP have allowed happening in my city. In the last few weeks. Sectarian chaos as three Republican marches were held. I am not an activist of any sort nor an Irish historian but why should the politics of another country blight my city.

Republican marchers chanted 'up the Ra' and 'Brits out now' as they were protected by Police Scotland. An organisation that has slaughtered British Police, Army and civilians.

This led to;  
Police charging down St Vincent after balaclava thugs.  
Fireworks being thrown at a Police a van.

Locals locked inside homes and pubs as sectarian violence flared in Govan. Shocking videos of the carnage with one which shows police, including some on horseback, charging towards the rioters.

A response from a John Mason MSP "Sounds like both sides were trying to wind up the others." Really? Winding each other up, so it is just a bit of fun?

Who was footing the bill for the police presence?

What was the purpose of the marches?

Who were the organisers?

Who are "Cairde Na Heireann " and "friends of IRPWA"?

Why are they marching in my City?

Why are they allowed to march in my City?

This is not because we are a democracy and people have the right to freedom of expression and assembly.

This is not about Republican or Hibernian marches.

This is not about Republicans exercising freedom of assembly.

This is about supporting a terrorist organisation (that murdered innocent civilians on the basis of their religion) is illegal.

This about allowing the equivalent of ISIS to march thru our streets, how many Scots have been murdered by ISIS as opposed to the IRA?

This is about a vile organisation who slaughtered innocents and their supporters being allowed to march through Glasgow.

This is about the organisation who murdered Lyra McKee and sent a bomb to Glasgow University parading in our streets.

This is about the SNP, for whom I have voted many times, aligning its

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on the First Minister of Scotlands website (<https://firstminister.gov.scot>)

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** 07 September 2019 18:59

**To:** First Minister <[firstminister@gov.scot](mailto:firstminister@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** Fwd: Marches

Dear First minister

Please have a word with Susan Aitken...what does she think she is doing to Glasgow? As I say below do my Human Rights not count, do I not have the right to move about in my city without fear? Today was shameful and should have never have happened. There must have been other dates that could have been used not all these events in the city in one day.

Regards

[Redacted]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 06 September 2019 10:26

To Yousaf H (Humza), MSP <[Humza.Yousaf.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Humza.Yousaf.msp@parliament.scot)>; [Redacted];  
Sturgeon N (Nicola), MSP <[Nicola.Sturgeon.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Nicola.Sturgeon.msp@parliament.scot)>

Subject: Pride of Govan march

Importance: High

Hi, I would like to make you aware of the organisers of this marches support of a proscribed terrorist organisation on social media namely the Ulster Volunteer Force.

The Ulster Volunteer Force are responsible for the murders of more people than any other loyalist terror group. Malcolm Sutton's Index of Deaths from the Conflict in Ireland, part of the Conflict Archive on the Internet (CAIN), states that the UVF and RHC(uvf allies) was responsible for at least 485 killings during the Troubles.

As you know this march is already of a very sensitive nature as loyalists who will no doubt be attending the march recently attacked an Irish unity parade and then went on to attack a public house and people's property outside of it, this parade is scheduled to pass that same place, which is a potential flash point.

Should this parade be allowed to pass down Craigton road there has been threats of large scale disturbance.

I hope you consider banning this band for their public support of a proscribed terrorist organisation, and I also hope the march is re routed away from Craigton road or cancelled all together.

Here are the examples of the band's support for a proscribed terrorist organisation.

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From: [FirstMinisterWebsite@gov.scot] <[FirstMinisterWebsite@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinisterWebsite@gov.scot)>

Sent: 31 August 2019 12:32

To: First Ministers Website Mailbox <[FirstMinisterWebsite@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinisterWebsite@gov.scot)>

Subject: Govan Disturbances

From: [Redacted]

Subject: Govan Disturbances

Message Body:

I do wish you, First Minister, would give the 'sectarian' description a rest. Fact, an Irish republican march was countered by Loyalist demonstrators. I am sure many of the IRA marchers and Loyalist counter demonstrators are not religious at all and therefore non sectarian. This barney was purely political, not religious. Labelling everything 'sectarian' is inaccurate and lazy. But then that is the way the increasingly republican SNP wants it. If you must spout forth on Twitter a la Trump, please be accurate and differentiate between sectarian and political disturbances. I won't be holding my breath.

[Redacted]

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PS/First Minister,

Please find a note from Mr Yousaf to the First Minister for her attention this evening.

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#### MARCHES AND PARADES IN GLASGOW

This is to inform you that following the discussions that I have been having with Glasgow City Council and Police Scotland, the council has taken the step of prohibiting all marches in the city for this weekend (14 and 15 September). This will provide some breathing space to allow the council to consider how they will move forward on this issue. I and my officials will continue to engage fully with the council and Police Scotland on this so that we can find a way forward which will respect peoples right while minimising disruption to communities and rationalise the number of marches that take place over a year. This decision is likely to generate a lot of media interest.

Separately, and as matters progress, I will send you fuller advice on the various options which are available and those which I believe will form a robust package of activities that will demonstrate that we are looking at this from all possible angles, including whether there is a need for further legislation in this area. In addition, I have given a commitment to invite all of the justice spokespeople from all parties in parliament to discuss how we might assist local authorities in dealing with problem marches and parades, and through this I hope to build a broad consensus for action in this area.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 31 August 2019 15:59  
**To:** First Minister <[firstminister@gov.scot](mailto:firstminister@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** Govan troubles

Hi Nicola,

I am writing to you as an outraged citizen of Govan and Scotland. It fills me with sadness every year when I see these marches going on, and every year there is violence, sectarian behaviour, ned's following beside those marking wearing football tops (when this is nothing to do with football apparently). I am making my complaints against both sides doing this, this is meant to be the 21st century and yet every time there is a march I feel reminded of watching the Irish troubles on tv when I was growing up. This reenactment of northern Ireland 1980s came home to me in a big way, my area Govan turned into a war zone because this. One side wants a united Ireland, the other side want north and south separated. What is this in any way or shape or form to do with Govan? I am very upset seeing my home treated like this by these knuckle dragging idiots.

I would like to ask why permits for these marches keep being handed out, and if you cannot do anything about it could you please as my 1st minister pressure the council to stop handing these out it needs to stop.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** [FirstMinisterWebsite@gov.scot] <[FirstMinisterWebsite@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinisterWebsite@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 31 August 2019 20:25  
**To:** First Ministers Website Mailbox <[FirstMinisterWebsite@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinisterWebsite@gov.scot)>

Subject: Govan incident on evening of 30/08/19

From: [REDACTED]

Subject: Govan incident on evening of 30/08/19

Message Body:

The First Minister is reported to have said the violence that occurred was sectarian. Please have her clarify which sect/s she considers were involved.

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on the First Minister of Scotlands website (<https://firstminister.gov.scot>)

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 02 September 2019 12:27

To: First Minister <[firstminister@gov.scot](mailto:firstminister@gov.scot)>

Subject: fine the bands from outside

the Scottish gov should pass a law which states that if the band does not live in a scottish city then this band cannot march there. so if a band comes to Glasgow from outside the gov passes a law to disqualify the band. the band is fined if they break the law

all bands and groups must follow this law. if a group wants to march in Glasgow and is a republican band marching for ireland this group or band is fined.

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To Whom it may concern

I would like to bring this video to your attention in case you have missed it on twitter of the absolute disgraceful attack of an innocent man by at least 15 members and followers of an ira band that your self and Glasgow city council are supporters off

These scenes cannot be brushed under the carpet to suit your own agenda as I know you have already been vocal on other matters that you and your fellow snp. Mps and councillors don't support. You are elected to be impartial witch I doubt most of you clearly don't have the ability to do so

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Date: Sun, 8 Sep 2019 at 20:16

Subject:

To: <[REDACTED]>