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Dear First Minister,

The Bute House Agreement is over; Scotland deserves and demands a reset. I am open to talking to anyone across this chamber who will prioritise progress on what we were elected to deliver for our constituents and Scotland.

Independence for Scotland, protecting the dignity, safety and rights of women and children, and providing a competent government for our people and businesses across Scotland remain my priorities.

My door is open to discussing the progress of my proposed Scottish Parliament Powers Referendum bill.

The opportunity to write a new chapter for Scotland is in our hands.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Ash,

Thank you for your letter dated 26 April 2024.

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.



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