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UPHOLD ACCURATE UNDERSTANDING OF ISLAM AND ITS TEACHINGS: AN OPEN LETTER TO FIRST MINISTER YOUSAF

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To First Minister Humza Yousaf,

As a leader and public figure, it is essential that you uphold and promote accurate information and understanding of Islam and its teachings. However, there have been concerns raised about your past statements and positions regarding homosexuality and its compatibility with Islam.

In Islam, homosexuality is considered a grave sin and is strictly prohibited under Islamic law. The Quran and the Hadith, which are the primary sources of Islamic jurisprudence, clearly condemn homosexuality as a deviation from the natural order and a violation of the divine will. Therefore, it is imperative that as a Muslim leader, you publicly affirm this position and make it clear to the public that there is no room for ambiguity regarding this issue.

Considering these concerns, I urge you to either refrain from identifying yourself as a Muslim if you do not support this position, or to provide a clear and unequivocal statement that homosexuality is incompatible with Islam and is considered a sin under Islamic law. Additionally, I urge you to express regret for any misinformation or confusion you may have propagated in the past on this issue.

I understand that these are complex and sensitive issues, but as a leader, it is your responsibility to promote accurate and respectful dialogue about Islam and its teachings. I hope that you will take this message seriously and consider the impact of your words and actions on the communities you serve.

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