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Dear Sir

The Evangelical Alliance of Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom Evangelical Alliance which speaks for over one million evangelical Christians. Here we are able to speak on behalf of over twenty-one thousand evangelicals, and our membership is growing.

On behalf of the local evangelical alliance, whilst recognising the problems each side of the political divide faces, we call on all our politicians to earnestly and urgently get down to the business of face to face talks. Many people at grass roots level feel amazed and bewildered at the delay.

We believe that as politicians you have a solemn and God given responsibility to lead the people of this land regardless of race or creed. As a people we desperately need you our political representatives to come to a consensus as to the way forward. A way must be found which will lead to the marginalisation of men of violence on both sides of the sectarian divide. This may be the last opportunity for many years for face to face talks, and we implore you to set the needs of all our people above party dogma. For that you will need courage and determination to succeed, but the consequence of failure is terrible to contemplate.

We have already issued a call to prayer to our members, and assure you of our prayerful support and encouragement at this time to talk, and agree together on a way forward.

Yours sincerely

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