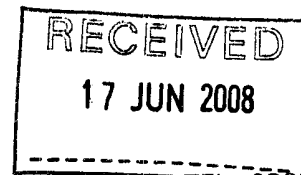


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Dear Mr Canavan

Thank you for your letter regarding the review of the civic forum as a minister who was initially involved in this and as now as a backbencher I believe I have the opportunity to see this issue from both sides of the fence. I would point out very clearly that I do not believe that Northern Ireland has missed in any way a civic forum and indeed its absence has not been mourned by anyone. Therefore it appears to me that a civic forum was completely unnecessary piece of political apparatus will only serve to be a very perceived heavily weighted public service sector. I think therefore the civic forum ought to be scrapped in entirety. I trust you can take this on board when you are considering the review.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ian Paisley".

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