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It is with the heaviest of hearts that I have taken the decision to resign from the SNP.

I cannot in good faith ask people to vote SNP in the upcoming Holyrood elections. Those with the ability to make a difference, and make positive change have stood by and done nothing

1. I have tried to reconcile myself many times to staying in on the basis of wholly good organisations such as @YSINational, @SNPStudents and @OutForIndy. However, I have seen for myself the number of times that these organisations have been ignored.

2. However, every time these people try to do anything to advance equality, they have been left empty handed while TERFs have been pandered to.

3. In the 4 years I was in the SNP, I have met a whole host of good people trying to do good things. However, I cannot in particular feel that I can in good faith stand in the same organisation as those who want to roll back equality, and intimidate those who disagree.

4. I joined the SNP because I thought that I could advance my vision of independence. However, more and more it has dawned on me that the egalitarian Scotland that I want to see is not something that I will ever get from the SNP.

5. I am first and foremost a socialist. I want to see a society that looks after its most vulnerable with aggressive measures to do so. Independence is not my first priority in my politics. Time and again I was told to shut up and wait for Indy, and that's simply not who I am.

6. I will happily join my SNP friends on the doors once again in an independence referendum. I would like to thank in particular @SarahQuinnSNP, @CailynMcMahon, @GavinLundy, @KeirLowSNP, @theo_forbes, @RhiannonV, @kellygivenX, and many many more for their love and support.

7. I’d also like to thank Aberdeen Central branch for being a large part of why I stayed so long. Each and every one of them are a credit to the party and a credit to the pro-Indy cause. I’d also like to thank Kirsty Blackman for being a lone voice for equality in the wilderness

8. For now, I do not know what I want to do. I don’t know whether my future lies in party politics. I know it lies in grassroots activism for independence, but I promise all my friends in the SNP fighting the good fight that you have an ally and supporter in me.