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Mr K Shanmugam
Minister for Law and Home Affairs

Dear Minister K Shanmugam,

An Appreciation of the decision of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) over the cancellation of WATAIN's performance in Singapore

The National Council of Churches of Singapore wishes to express our appreciation to you and MHA for your swift and decisive action in recommending to IMDA the cancellation of the "WATAIN Live in Singapore" concert that was due to be performed on the 7 March 2019.ⁱ

NCCS shares in MHA's serious concerns over what WATAIN represents and stands for. We fully agree with MHA's assessment that the band's history of denigrating religions and promoting violence has the potential to cause enmity and disrupt Singapore's social harmony.

We view WATAIN's sacrilegious attacks on the Christian faith through their songs as particularly disruptive and hurtful to the cause of religious harmony, and we are concerned that WATAIN's open endorsement of satanic violence could have deleterious effects on impressionable and restless youths.

Overall, our worry is that the worldview WATAIN promotes works against the common good and the building up of social order. In light of the common concerns, we were relieved to hear of MHA's decision. Once again, we wish to express our appreciation to you and MHA for deciding in the interests of the general public.

Yours sincerely,

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"...one body in Christ" Romans 12:5

ⁱ <https://www.imda.gov.sg/about/newsroom/media-releases/2019/imda-statement-on-watain-concert>