[Date]

The Honorable [**Name**]
Office Address
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Dear [**Representative/Senator**] [**Name**]:

As a constituent and member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, I ask your support in preserving America’s Good Friday Agreement (GFA) legacy against the threat of Brexit. I am very concerned by Secretary of State Pompeo’s commitment to British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab that the U.S. will “*support the United Kingdom’s sovereign choice,* ***however Brexit ultimately shakes out****, and we’ll be on the doorstep, pen in hand, ready to sign a new free-trade agreement*.” Respectfully, **[Senator/Congressman]** the Good Friday Agreement and the peace of Ireland must not be a victim of a Brexit “*shake out*” nor their destruction encouraged by the unconditional prospect of a U.S. trade deal.

To put the Brexit Irish Border question in perspective:

* After 30 years of violent conflict, the U.S. brokered Good Friday Agreement replaced military checkpoints, spiked roads, and razor wire with an open, “invisible” border in Ireland.
* Today, an estimated 35,000 people commute daily over an Irish border which is visible only on maps; students regularly attend university, and the sick seek medical care on the other side of the border from where they live. Such economic and social integration has benefitted all the residents of the isle of Ireland.
* Realizing the incalculable damage that Brexit would have on the Good Friday Agreement, the community of Northern Ireland, Catholic, Protestant, Loyalist, and Nationalist, democratically rejected Brexit by 56%.
* Despite this clear mandate, the community of Ireland as the United Kingdom’s only land border with the E.U. is being asked to disproportionately and uniquely bear the adverse impacts of a Brexit.
* Sir Mark Sedwill, head of the British civil service, has warned “*The current powers granted to the Northern Irish Secretary would not be adequate for the pace, breadth or controversy of the decisions needed to be taken through a no-deal exit….Therefore (*Britain*) would have to introduce direct rule (*of Northern Ireland from Westminster)”. A return to direct rule would be a fatal blow to the peace process.

Taken together [**Representative/Senator] [Name**], the U.S. legacy in framing one of history’s most significant diplomatic achievements, the Good Friday Agreement, is under threat and the hard-won peace of Ireland in peril. As a co-guarantor of the GFA, the U.S. has an obligation to hold Britain accountable to their obligations to Northern Ireland under internationally recognized treaty.

I respectfully ask you [**Representative/Senator] [Name]** to write to Secretary of State Pompeo and British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab stating your opposition to any form of Brexit that would lead to a physical border in Ireland or result in a return to direct rule; that peace in Ireland is non-negotiable.

Sincerely,

Your Name
Your Title
Your Address
Your City, State, Zip
Your Phone Number