

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Sir Kim Darroch
British Ambassador to the United States
3100 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Ambassador Darroch,

Recently representatives from Relatives for Justice visited our offices and spoke about the ongoing inquest into the ten killings in Ballymurphy, Belfast, between August 9th-11th 1971. The relatives of those killed in Ballymurphy are concerned about the inquest's implications for justice on legacy issues arising from the Troubles.

Specifically, the Ballymurphy families expressed concern that the Ministry of Defense may be deliberately withholding crucial documents and disclosure items. Additionally, the concerns expressed in our previous letter dated April 16th regarding proposed statutes of limitations for British military personnel still remain.


The Ballymurphy inquest has been described to us as a fundamental test of legacy justice in cases where British state forces are involved. This inquest must be conducted thoroughly and justly to ensure that the families involved receive the answers they need and the wounds of the past are healed.

As Members who have a continuing interest in Northern Ireland, we wish to convey these concerns to you. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely


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Member of Congress


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