

# AMERICAN BREXIT COMMITTEE

## WELCOME!

The June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 British referendum expressed support for the UK leaving the European Union. Britain had been a member since 1973. The President of the Council on Foreign Relations, Richard Haass stated at the time: "This means the end of the United Kingdom." The vote and the various options being considered for a 'BREXIT' implementation, are a cause of concern for many in the UK, Ireland, and America.

Why America and Ireland? The people of Ireland will be most directly and negatively affected by the economic consequences of this break-up because of Britain's partition border and related threats to British responsibilities under the 1998 Belfast peace pact. America, on the other hand, has many long-standing ties to both Ireland and Britain despite the strains of partition and 30 years of armed conflict leading to that 1998 agreement.

The AMERICAN BREXIT COMMITTEE consists of citizens who see an historic opportunity for the United States: (1) to challenge the assumptions regarding UK implementation of various BREXIT policies and to raise questions over their short and long term impact; (2) to promote U. S. leadership in giving added voice to Ireland's concerns for the consequences of Britain's BREXIT policies and to assist in minimizing their impact; and (3) to strengthen the integrity of the Irish peace process by demanding compliance with Treaty requirements of democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights.

We invite you to join our efforts to ensure our elected officials and the American public fully understand the many facets of Britain's leaving the EU Customs Union and Single Market. Please view the Mission Statement, Frequently Asked Questions, letters, press releases and commentary herein to better inform yourself and others. Please contact us with additional ideas and suggestions and to insure you receive regular updates on our progress.

## THANK YOU!

The Committee