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IRISH VOICE

Dear Ms. McGoldrick: In a recent op-ed commentary in the Irish Times (“U. S. Support for Ireland … (1/3) former Irish diplomat Ted Smyth claimed Irish politicians in the 70’s were persuaded to shift their call for ending partition to “…supporting equality for nationalists and unionists.” Sad but true. You would, however, be hard put to find unionists persecuted in housing, voting and jobs as were nationalists. Partition’s purpose remains unchanged. Prime Minister Sunak is committed to a cover-up of the calculated murder campaign in NI against innocent civilians most of whom were nationalists and Catholic’s. Repealing the 1998 Human Rights Act, obstructing the GFA obligation for a unity referendum and ignoring Irish leaders appeal for Britain to restore democracy are far more important to the Conservatives than supporting equality.

Four years ago Smyth summed up observations of panelists at a Georgetown University forum on N. I. that included U. S. Representative Brendan Boyle of Philadelphia. Panelists agreed that good EU-US relations are ***essential*** to their mutual interest in protecting democracies from hostile governments. It is that collaboration with the EU which is likely to be more productive in restoring democracy, the rule of law, truth and justice in NI rather than a hostile post-Brexit Britain. Britain’s demand that those truly seeking peace restrict their voice and work to perfect partition is not likely to bring peace or reconciliation. We couldn’t agree more.

Sincerely,

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