**AMERICAN BREXIT COMMITTEE**

**1919 CHESTNUT ST, SUITE 1724**

**PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103**

*John M. Corcoran Esq, Chairman*

*Michael J. Cummings, Secretary (Emeritus)*

July 28, 2023

TO: Antony Blinken, U. S. Secretary of State

FROM: John Corcoran Esq., Chairman

RE: Important Information on British, BREXIT and the GFA

Britain has proven its resistance to U. S. and EU foreign policy for Ireland. Its legacy of political and economic destabilizing tactics in NI has endured for decades. The Conservative Party has opposed the GFA since 2001. This obstruction may be best represented by hate-filled bonfires and a proposed statute to cover-up lawless collusion between British security services and murderous loyalist pawns. However, Britain is desperate for a new US-UK trade deal and Brexit bail-out concessions. So, the diplomatic dog and pony show of the ‘special relationship’ continues its fraudulent premise. It is time for the U. S. to stop pretending Britain has a true interest in peace in Ireland. Its overt and covert policy and tactics are not to promote peace but to preserve partition. We ask you to consider whether Britain is a trustworthy partner for the U. S. in securing peace for all of Ireland in the post-Brexit era.

Britain has been paying lip service to the GFA principles and ignoring its obligations. It has defunded much of the criminal justice system in NI to slow investigation of nearly half of the 3200 killings attributed to the conflict; many of which have never been investigated, permitted a Coroner’s Inquest, or prosecuted. The key to covering up the criminality of security services was to change the rules---only in NI--- for the conduct of Coroners Inquests. Many have never been held or were quickly closed. The Inquest backlog today includes hundreds of cases pending for 40 -50 years! A full extent of Britain’s corruption of law, justice and democracy has been previously provided.

The United States should publicly acknowledge this legacy of Britain’s treachery and lawlessness. It should do so beginning with the greatest theft of democracy in the 20th century: America ignoring the 1918 democratic vote for Sinn Fein and independence. This was not the stuff of dreams, wishful thinking or half-truths but an ugly fact. he UK armed treasonous bigots, instigated an Irish Civil War, and divided Ireland without the benefit of one Irish vote. The fate of a newborn nation was sealed in blood and acrimony which suited the British aristocracy. Today most would agree that an important objective of Brexit for the Conservatives was to solidify sovereignty i. e. perfect partition of NI and escape EU human rights obligations. The Brexiteers were confident they could not only bully the Republic of Ireland into acceptance but also in going “wobbly” on the GFA unity poll obligation.

Brexiteers knew of the self-harm of Brexit. That is why no government report was prepared either before or to this day documenting the true cost and targets of Brexit. A primary goal of Brexit was to perfect Ireland’s partition in the post Brexit era and to remain sovereign in meddling and mendacity in the Republic. The provocative Legacy bill is a first step cleanup of all manner of lawlessness and injustices undermining the rule of law and democracy! We ask you to look at the big picture! U. S. Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman stated recently “With the world in such disarray, diplomacy is critical.” Diplomacy failed the Irish people in 1918 but America must not do so again!

The 300 men and women of the American Brexit Committee (ABC) join the Ad Hoc Committee to Protect the GFA (AHCPGFA), the Irish American Unity Conference (IAUC), the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) and the Brehon Law Society (BLS) in expressing these concerns. Britain ***undermines*** U. S. foreign policy objectives it shares with Ireland, its oldest ally. Isn’t it about time the U. S. joins the U. N., the EU, and a host of nations and NGO’s in bringing a peaceful conclusion to the colonial era in Europe? We deeply appreciate the bi-partisan support of leadership in the House, Senate and White House generously provided for the GFA. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 215-280-3711 or consult the americanbrexitcommittee.com website.