

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Ambassador Kim Darroch
Embassy of the United Kingdom
3100 Massachusetts Ave NW
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Dear Ambassador Darroch,

We continue to follow the lack of progress with regards to legacy issues in the North of Ireland and wish to share our genuine concerns.

The search for a way to deal with the past has gone on now for many years. Hundreds of families who lost loved ones continue to wait for access to truth and justice, even though European law agreed to by member states requires an effective investigation into these deaths.

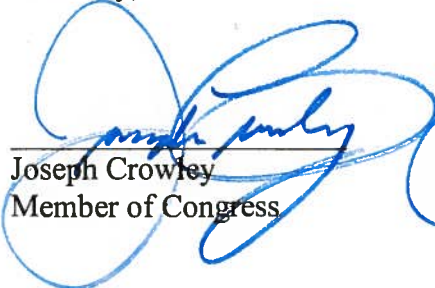
In particular, we are concerned by the ongoing absence of adequate resources for coroners' investigations into deaths during the Troubles. We are also concerned by a proposal in Westminster for a statute of limitations for British military personnel. There are additional concerns at the approach of the United Kingdom on national security issues in relation to the essential work of the proposed Historical Investigations Unit in investigating the hundreds of outstanding cases.

Taken together, we hope these moves do not prolong delays or lead to a scenario in which truth and justice are effectively denied.

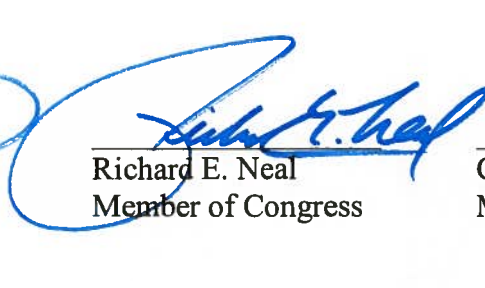
The establishment of the Stormont House legacy framework and addressing legacy inquests in the North is long overdue. We urge the British Government to do everything in its power to see these steps now taken, in a manner fully consistent with the European Convention on Human Rights.

As Members who have a continuing interest in the North, we wish to convey our genuine concerns about this important issue to you, and would welcome your response.

Sincerely,



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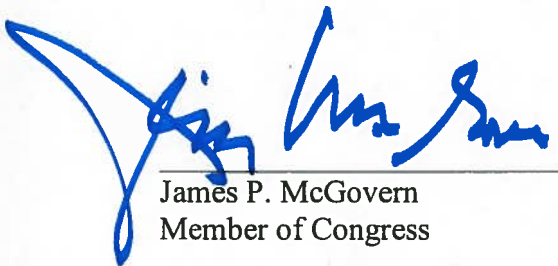
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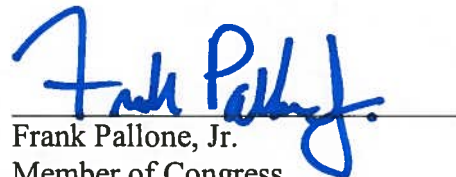
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