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Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader

United States Senate

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Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Reid:

Over the past two years, our organizations and seven Members of the Senate have raised vigorous objections to Attorney General Holder's enforcement of British subpoenas for records in the Irish archives of Boston College. The British request is motivated by malice and politics and , if honored, would undermine U. S. support for the Irish peace process governed by the Belfast, Hillsborough and Weston Park agreements.

The Cameron government is trying to do this by abusing the U. S.-- U. K. Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) intended for criminal prosecution of money laundering, drug trafficking and terrorist conspiracies. There is no merit to the British request. Furthermore, it exposes its latest attempt to undermine the Irish peace pact which three U. S. Presidents have supported morally and financially.

We have outlined these and other concerns to Senator Menendez with a request for a Senate hearing on MLAT's in general and particularly England's attempt to corrupt its intent. In addition to our concerns for the Irish peace process there are academicians, journalists, human and civil rights activists and constitutional liberties lawyers who are prepared to outline not only the specific threats of MLAT use but also detail actions which would prevent efforts like Britain's in the future.

We ask for your support for this hearing request. In addition, we would welcome a letter from you to Attorney General Holder opposing his enforcement of the subpoenas as a non-compliant use of the MLAT. We will gladly share similar letters from Senator's Lautenberg, Cardin, Schumer, Gillibrand, Kerry and Menendez who have already expressed their concerns to then Secretary Clinton.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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