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October 20, 1995

The Honorable William J. Clinton  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to commend you for your continued work to bring peace and social justice to all the communities of Ireland.

In the spirit of that commitment, your Administration announced its support in May at the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Northern Ireland for a "Technology Trust Fund for Peace."

As you prepare for your trip to Ireland next month, I respectfully urge you to formally announce your personal support of necessary funding for the initiative through U.S. commitments to the International Fund for Ireland.

We first discussed the idea for such an initiative in March, when I wrote you about the fund before testifying before the House International Affairs Committee hearing on Ireland. Since then, extensive discussions have taken place with the private business community, the Irish and British governments and a broad cross-section of the political parties on the island.

The idea has been well received because it offers the hope of generating jobs and economic opportunity for all the communities of Ireland. As you know, the fund is modeled on the successful Binational Industrial Research and Development Fund established between Israel and the United States, which has generated \$2.2 billion in exports since 1977 and spurred the development of a \$1.2 billion venture capital industry that never existed before.

On a parallel track, my good friend John Cullinane has been working with venture capital and high-tech experts here in the United States, Ireland and the United Kingdom to lay further groundwork for turning the fund into a "feeder" system that encourages joint ventures between Irish and U.S. companies.

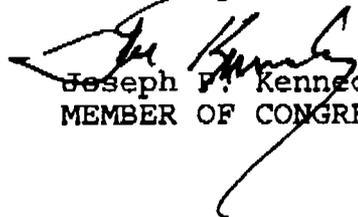
President Clinton  
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At this critical time in the Northern Ireland peace process, a clear demonstration of our country's support for economically driven initiatives that fuel both cooperation and job creation on both sides of the border is important.

Strong support from the highest level of your administration to an initiative that has been endorsed across the political spectrum would send a powerful signal that our country is prepared to act in full partnership to turn the promise of peace into the reality of social and economic opportunity for all.

Once again, I want to commend you for your strong commitment to bringing peace to Northern Ireland, and I look forward to working with you to find new ways for the United States to promote trade, investment and job creation on both sides of the border.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph P. Kennedy II  
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