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THE PEACE AGREEMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND
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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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May 1, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

I commend you for the leadership you have exhibited in the historic peace agreement in Northern Ireland. I know the work for acceptance and ratification of the agreement is far from complete, but the landmark settlement has been reached with exuberance from most parties. The conflict in Northern Ireland has been agonizing, not only in the region, but also among many Americans, including myself.

As a Texas state representative, I visited Belfast in the early 1990's and learned a great deal about the sources of so much tension and hatred in that historic region. In meeting with many of the principals on all sides of the dispute, I was able to put faces and personalities behind the struggle: members of Sinn Fein, Unionists, and other individuals that were trying to make a difference.

After my return from Northern Ireland, I worked with both parties in the Texas Legislature to pass legislation which encouraged companies in Northern Ireland engaged in business with the State of Texas to adhere to the MacBride Principles of non-discrimination and equal justice. As a Congressman, I have continued to deal with the Northern Ireland issue, endorsing efforts to leverage our presence in the region to foster a more tolerant and stable society.

I welcome your breakthrough through Special Envoy George Mitchell and the team of advisers you have assembled to tackle this delicate problem. If I can assist in any way with the on-going efforts to secure the agreement, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Ciro D. Rodriguez
Member of Congress

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