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Dear Mr. President,

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As the Secretary-Treasurer of the Illinois AFL-CIO and one of your strong supporters, I want to express my gratitude for your role in encouraging all parties to the Irish conflict to seek a resolution to this serious problem.

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As the first U.S. president to actively try to find a political solution, you have demonstrated your commitment to a peaceful Ireland. Without a doubt, your help has forced the parties to begin to move toward a successful conclusion. There is no doubt that this unprecedented effort to achieve peace will benefit your campaign.

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Unfortunately, the British governments has stalled the talks. Many informed people are fearful that if this delay continues the ceasefires will halt and all of our hopes will be abandoned.

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Please do not let this happen. As you prepare to visit Ireland, it is critically important that your administration create a formula to end the "decommissioning" stalemate. It is equally important that a date is set for talks that can lead to political progress and a permanent peace.

This is not an easy task, but as you once stated, we must all be willing "to take risks for peace." I urge you to continue to do so.

Sincerely,

Margaret Blackshere
Secretary-Treasurer

