## AMERICAN BREXIT COMMITTEE

## ABC SEEKS REVIEW OF BREXIT HARM TO IRELAND AND TREATY AS PART OF ANY US-UK TRADE DEAL

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Britain's Conservative/DUP rulers make clear their disdain for Irish government protests against a BREXIT restored partition border and concerns for the UK's serious failure in fulfilling the legacy and human rights obligations of the 1998 Belfast Agreement. They are prepared to live in the past and restore a partition border with all its security trappings rather than entertain membership in the Single Market and Customs Union. As the English newspaper the GUARDIAN recently editorialized: "Brexit inflicts costs on its allies and the greatest costs on the nearest neighbors. There is no upside for Ireland only degrees of harm." "America, Americans and especially Irish-Americans, " stated *John Corcoran, a Philadelphia attorney,* "cannot ignore this threat. Prime Minister May seeks U. S. taxpayer support in trade deals and other assistance to soften the BREXIT folly on Her Majesty's Subjects while imposing harm on Ireland."

The Irish peace process seems to be a specific target of May and her reactionary allies in the Democratic Unionist Party, the Party of Paisley. At Party Conferences and in Parliament they continue to vilify human rights lawyers in N. I. and push for amnesty for British security forces involved in killings of civilians in N. I. The \$1B DUP bribe May has now detailed for Parliament has no funds allocated for the purposely cash-starved legacy obligations of the 1998 peace pact.\* *Former National President Jim Gallagher of the IAUC* stated: "Despite being the world's 5<sup>th</sup> largest economy, British leaders still whine about EU costs and regulations but found a tidy sum for the Party that ruled lawlessly in NI for 60 years! It is clear that the Conservative Party is undermining the peace process whenever they can. They never had an interest in Ireland's peace until President Clinton demanded dialogue. It is no longer a co-sponsor or guarantor of the Irish peace process but an instrument of its demise. A terminator not a facilitator!"

In June, 2016 former Prime Minister's John Major (C) and Tony Blair (L) predicted that passage of the BREXIT referendum "...would undermine the foundations of peace in N. I. and sabotage relations with the Irish Republic." The British government is using Ireland's border as a bargaining chip and cares little for the collateral damage to the Irish economy or the peace treaty.

*L. I. Attorney and Brehon Law Society activist Steve McCabe stated*: "We join with the NYC Bar Association, Representatives Neal (D-MA), Crowley (D-NY), Meehan (R-PA), the AOH, IAUC and others in seeking American voices against these British actions. We urge President Trump and Members of Congress to warn PM May that trade favors and assistance may come with demands that the UK will fulfill its treaty obligation and that a good US-UK trade deal for Americans is **NOT** one which harms Ireland or its prospects for a secure peace."

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ATTACHMENTS: Letter to House Ways and Means Chairman, Kevin Brady (R-TX) Letter to Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Bob Corker (R-TN) Letter to U. S. Trade Representative/Ambassador Robert Lighthizer

\*Including supplemental Hillsborough, St Andrews, Weston Park & Stormont House agreements.