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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of myself and my wife, Anjela Bolivar, I wish to express profound appreciation for the surviving landmarks of the 1916 Easter Rebellion and the efforts of Jim Connolly Heron and Proinsias O'Rathaille to ensure that they are protected, preserved, and utilized.

I had the good fortune of living and working in your great nation some years ago. Exploring it was an enriching pleasure I cherish to this day.

As the son of an American preservationist (my mother founded the Atlanta Preservation Center), I know the incalculable value of historic landmarks as points of pride, education, and transcendent entities of living history. I have seen how these places can, through the generations, increasingly instill a sense of identity and strength, permanence and meaning to a people.

Properly preserved landmarks can of course be incomparably valuable magnets for tourism and thus also a boon for development and commercial activity in the surrounding area.

I also know well the obstacles presented by stubbornness, ignorance, apathy, and capitalism in the fight for historic preservation. Nevertheless, having witnessed firsthand what pride the Irish people take in their history and independence, I am baffled as to why elected officials are not fully taking it upon themselves to preserve and enshrine all of the Moore Street buildings that played such a vital role in such a crucial turning point toward Irish independence.

In preserving these landmarks of the 1916 Easter Rising, I can think of no better way to convey to international tourists such as myself the brave soul of Ireland.

Sincerely,

Taylor Segrest