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His Excellency Daniel Mulhall Ambassador of Ireland Embassy of Ireland 2234 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Ambassador Mulhall:

This letter is to provide you with information about the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) so that you may understand our position on recent issues involving the AOH. The LAOH learned today of the AOH announcement of the hiring of Mr. John Deasy as a lobbyist and head of AOH government affairs.

On behalf of the LAOH, I want to assure you that the LAOH is a separate organization from the AOH. The LAOH has no relationship with Mr. Deasy and we are not in agreement with any statement he has made regarding the Department of Foreign Affairs. The LAOH does not lobby, in fact, our tax status prohibits lobbying, and we will continue to support the work of the Embassy of Ireland in the U.S. on foreign affairs and other Irish matters.

I also want to notify you that announcements of a possible merger of the LAOH and the AOH are not accurate. The LAOH is proud of our sisterhood and our efforts related to social justice issues in the U.S. and Northern Ireland, our support of a united Ireland, and our mission to keep alive our heritage as Catholic Irish American women. The LAOH does not plan to merge with the AOH. The LAOH has now, as in the past, a very cordial relationship with the Embassy of Ireland, it is our hope that this relationship continues during your term and into the future.

Sincerely,

Karen Keane President Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, LLC

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