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Killinagh Community Council

Blacklion,
Co. Cavan.

7th January 2017

Secretary,
Constituency Commission,
Room 1.65,
Customs House
DUBLIN 1.

Re.: Constituency of Cavan/Monaghan and Sligo/Leitrim

Dear Sir,

I am the Chairperson of a Community Council which operates to enhance the interests of the community in and around the Village of Blacklion in the Parish of Killinagh in West Cavan.

We believe that the decision of the previous Commission to take this area and a wider part of County Cavan from the Constituency of Cavan/Monaghan has done great damage to our area and has increased our sense of isolation, disadvantage and disconnection of this area by placing it in a constituency with which it has no sense of belonging.

On what basis can it be argued that those elected in Sligo/Leitrim have any real relationship with their constituents in Blacklion or the rest of the County of Cavan lobbed into that constituency. It is not reasonable that those elected be expected to speak for people in four counties, stretching from the Monaghan/Fermanagh border of County Cavan to near Ballina in County Mayo, from Charlestown in County Mayo and to just south of Donegal Town.

We work to enhance our community and engage with public representatives and state agencies principally, Cavan County Council. It would be normal to seek the assistance of our Oireachtas members. However worthy those who are elected from Sligo/Leitrim may be, they have no real relationship with Cavan County Council or other agencies relevant to our work. They cannot be expected to develop working relations with four local authorities never mind the other agencies none of which operate on boundaries reflected in the mishmash of a constituency that is Sligo/Leitrim.

We appeal to you to ensure that County Cavan is brought together in one constituency and that the boundaries of our county and that of our adjoining counties should be respected in the creation of revised constituencies.

Yours faithfully,



Michael Fitzpatrick
Chairperson