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A Chara,

On behalf of our Organisation here in Galway East, I submit hereafter our Recommendations, for consideration by your Commission, in relation to the future structure of both Dáil and European Constituencies. We recommend that the Constituency of Galway East should be restored to a 4 (four) Seat Constituency, within its natural and County Boundaries; with the Rivers Suck and Shannon along the eastern Constituency/County Boundaries, the traditional County Boundary of County Clare on the southern side and the boundary with County Mayo on the northern side.

Currently, a large tract of County Galway East is in the Constituency of Roscommon/Galway East; which is an unnatural, impractical and totally unsuitable situation for the People of East Galway, in the aforementioned Constituency, who believe they are being disenfranchised by same. Moreover, the County Town of County Galway, Ballinasloe; which previously had its own full Town/Urban Council, now finds itself isolated in a Constituency, totally unsuited to its needs. Ballinasloe is currently in a state of regression, the greater Ballinasloe area in the Constituency of Roscommon/Galway East has no commercial, geographical, historical, industrial, logical or natural connections with its current Constituency. We hope the Commission will address those issues.

However we also acknowledge that Galway East and Galway Roscommon have variance in the population loss and gain and the general public don't like change which removes them from their county. In the last number of years we have developed Municipal Districts which feed in to the County council of which the elected members represent. No elected representative from within Roscommon Co.Co., represents Ballinasloe or any part of Galway East and have no executive connections with Galway Co. Co. To this end I personally believe that Ballinasloe Town and surrounding areas all the way Mountbellew, Glenamaddy, Glinsk, Ballygar and Dunmore are divided and confused and losing out. All people of this state deserve the right to be fairly represented.

If you are not going to take the above on board may I also suggest the following

- a. Revert galway east back 2011 to four seater and this can be done by the following
- b. Give Mayo back to Mayo

Make Galway East and Galway West 2 four seaters and using the city urban / rural boundary lines straight through the county as the east west divide.

Yours Faithfully,

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Deputy Anne Rabbitte.