

A SUBMISSION TO THE CONSTITUENCY COMMISSION

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THE IMPORTANCE OF RESPECTING THE CAVAN COUNTY BOUNDARIES AND RECOGNISING COUNTY CAVAN'S UNITARY STATUS FOR FUTURE DAIL ELECTIONS AND FOR FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE.

THERE IS WIDESPREAD ANGER ACROSS THE WHOLE COUNTY OF CAVAN REGARDING THE PRESENT SITUATION, WHERE THE CONSTITUENCY SPREADS FROM EAST OF THE N55, THE CAVAN/GRANARD ROAD TO THE WEST OF BALLINA IN COUNTY MAYO AND SOUTH OF SLIGO AND SPREADS SOUTH OF DONEGAL TOWN.

COUNTY CAVAN IS, AND HAS BEEN AN ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT IN TERMS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE STATE, THIS CONSTITUENCY AS IT STANDS, COMPRISES OF ALL OR PART OF FOUR DIFFERENT COUNTIES. THE PEOPLE OF THE WESTERN PART OF OUR COUNTY FEEL COMPLETELY DISENFRANCHISED AS WAS EVIDENCED BY THE GREATLY REDUCED TURNOUT AT THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION.

AT A TIME OF GREAT UNCERTAINTY, DUE TO BREXIT, IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT BORDER COUNTIES ARE SUPPORTED IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE. CAVAN AND MONAGHAN ARE TWO BORDER COUNTIES WHO WILL BE MOST AFFECTED BY BREXIT AND IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THEY BE LEFT AS ONE CONSTITUENCY.

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