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To the Members of  
Dail Eireann and  
Seanad Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare St.,  
Dublin.

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Dear Member,

In the coming weeks you will be debating the Criminal Law (Jurisdiction) Bill. We are concerned about the effect the passage of this Bill into law might have on human rights for Catholics in N. Ireland.

We are not opposed, in principle, to inter-state co-operation in dealing with crime. It is important that such co-operation should only be given to states where human rights and fundamental freedoms are respected and guaranteed by proper law fairly administered. It is our contention that such a situation does not exist in N. Ireland. We are apprehensive lest the provisions of your Bill, if enacted, should give credibility to the law enforcement agencies here - the RUC, Director of Public Prosecutions, Judiciary and Prison Administration.

If you examine the documents which are enclosed, we believe that you will agree that law enforcement in N. Ireland has an anti-Catholic bias. The efforts of those of us in N. Ireland who are working to obtain respect and real guarantees for the human rights of a repressed Catholic minority would largely be negated by the passing into law of the Criminal Law (Jurisdiction) Bill. We ask you therefore to oppose the Bill and to join with us in our continuing struggle for legal justice.

Sincerely,

Rev. Brian J. Brady, Trench House, Belfast 11.  
Rev. Denis Faul, St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon.  
Rev. Raymond Murray, Parochial House, Armagh.