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Rough Translation

Dear Taoiseach

I enclose herewith a copy of a submission which the executive of Conradh na Gaeilge has sent to the Northern Ireland Department of Education in response to that Department's Common Curriculum for schools.

We ourselves, everyone who is involved in the promotion of Irish in the six counties and Irish teachers in both primary and secondary levels are very worried about the implications of the recommendations made by the Department in its document "Education in Northern Ireland: Proposals for reform".

Instead of recognising the right of each pupil to learn Irish and ensuring that each pupil would be given information about Irish - a language which moulded their personalities, their culture and their surroundings, the Department's proposals would weaken further the position of Irish in the educational system.

We urge you to use your influence to impress on the appropriate authorities that the curriculum should be designed to encourage the teaching and learning of Irish.

Yours sincerely

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A Thaoisigh, a chara,

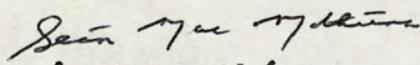
Cuirim chugat leis seo cóip den aighneacht a chuir
Coiste Gnó Chonradh na Gaeilge chuig Roinn
Oideachais na Sé Chontae i dtaobh moltaí na Roinne
sin do Churaclam Comónta do na scoileanna.

Táimid féin, gach duine atá ag plé le cur chun cinn na
Gaeilge sna Sé Chontae agus múinteoirí Gaeilge ag an
gcéad agus an dara leibhéal an-bhuartha faoi
impleachtaí na moltaí atá déanta ag an Roinn ina
doiciméad "Education in Northern Ireland: Proposals
for Reform".

In ionad a bheith ag aithint cearta gach dalta chun
Gaeilge a fhoghlaim agus ag cinntiú go mbeadh deis ag
gach dalta eolas a fháil ar an nGaeilge - teanga a
mhúnlaigh a bpearsantachtaí, a gcultúr agus a
dtimpeallacht, bheadh moltaí na Roinne ag lagú seasamh
na Gaeilge sa chóras oideachais a thuilleadh.

Iarraimid ort do thionchar a úsáid chun áiteamh ar na
húdaráis chuí an curaclam a eagrú d'fhonn múineadh agus
foghlaim na Gaeilge a spreagadh.

Is mise, le meas,


Seán Mac Mathúna,
Ard-Rúnaí.