

CONGRESSIONAL ENDORSEMENT OF THE MARTIN McGUINNESS PRINCIPLES

Irish Americans are asking members of Congress and all congressional candidates for mid-term 2018 elections to demonstrate their support for equality, respect, truth and self-determination in the North of Ireland by endorsing the McGuinness Principles as part of their position statements during their forthcoming campaigns for election. We ask candidates to agree to the following steps to confirm their agreement with our objectives.

1. Support and advocate for the Martin McGuinness Principles:
 - **Equality** – enactment of a Bill of Rights for the North of Ireland as required by the Good Friday Agreement
 - **Respect** – enactment of an Irish Language Act to ensure full statutory equality for the Irish language as called for by the St. Andrews Agreement
 - **Truth** – British Government funding for inquests to determine the truth regarding legacy killings of civilians as provided by the Stormont House Agreement and the Fresh Start Agreement.
 - **Self-Determination** – call for a referendum on Irish unity as provided by the Good Friday Agreement
2. Support full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement by insisting that the British and Irish governments meet their commitments thereunder.
3. Propose that any new or amended trade agreements and treaties between the US and the British government include conditions requiring the British government to meet its obligations under the Good Friday Agreement.
4. Support the appointment of a Special Envoy to the North of Ireland who has knowledge of Ireland and who is skilled in negotiating difficult issues.