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Office of the Taoiseach

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Mr. Sean Murray
President
The South Florida Irish American Chamber of Commerce
2400 East Commercial Blvd., Suite 211
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308

Dear Sean,

I wish to congratulate you on the launch of the South Florida Irish-American Chamber of Commerce tonight in Fort Lauderdale.

Our commercial relationship with the United States is of immense importance. Every organization such as yours that seeks to increase trade and economic cooperation between Ireland and the United States is to be commended. I wish to thank you and your board of directors for the dedication you have shown over recent months so as to establish your organisation with such an impressive degree of professionalism.

The launch of your chamber has come at just the right moment. Investment between Ireland and South Florida is surging and there is great potential for increased cooperation given our common strengths in areas including tourism, third level education, aviation, information technology and banking. Our respective capacities as regional hubs for Europe and Latin American also present particular opportunities.

South Florida may have a special role to play in the role out of our new whole-of-Government Strategy for the Americas, which aims to build on Ireland's links across the continent and enhance our relationships with countries in Central and South America and the Caribbean in particular. This strategy is part of our efforts to develop our established partnerships and find new trade opportunities with growing markets in the aftermath of the UK referendum vote.

I am delighted at how you have committed yourselves to being an inclusive organisation that draws on the strengths of the entire Irish-American community in your region. I know that our Consul General for the Southeast of the United States, Shane Stephens, is determined to do all that he can to support you in your great endeavours in the months and years ahead.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,


Enda Kenny T.D.
Taoiseach

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for its success.
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