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Mr. Martin Vaughan
Secretary
Electoral Area Boundary Committee
Room 2.03
Dept. of Environment & Local Government
Custom House
Dublin 1

RE; Review of Electoral Areas in County Limerick

Dear Mr. Vaughan,

I write to **urge** you and your committee to pay particular attention to County Limerick in your work of reviewing the Electoral Areas outside of Dublin and the Cities.

County Limerick has undergone huge demographic change since the last review. In particular I would like the committee to be mindful of the following when deliberating on the issue.

- The recent Dail Boundary changes as proposed have fundamentally changed the Dail Constituencies in Counties Limerick and Kerry.
- Large urban centres now exist adjacent to Limerick City which commands a different focus from Limerick County Council than the rural settings also served by the same Authority.
- In my view there should be consistency in the number of representatives elected in each electoral area within the County. This will afford each area equal representation at Council level for delivery of services.
- A large portion of County Limerick (Coonagh & Caherdavin) has now been transferred via a boundary extension to the Limerick City Council administrative area.
- In some parts of County Limerick communities/parish are split between two different Electoral Areas. These anomalies should not exist.

I trust you will keep the above in mind when carry out your work in this regard.

Yours Sincerely,