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For the Union

Simon Hoare MP
Chair, Northern Ireland Affairs Committee
House of Commons
Westminster
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Factually incorrect evidence given to NI Affairs Committee

Dear Simon

I am writing regarding a statement made to the NI Affairs Committee as part of evidence given earlier this week on Tuesday 7th June 2022.

Shortly after 11:10am, Ian Jeffers – the Commissioner for Victims & Survivors - said *“The key thing with Stormont House and other things, there was agreement from all the political parties, there was agreement from here and there was agreement from Dublin. We don’t have that in the Bill.”*

As you will no doubt be aware this statement is factually incorrect. There was most emphatically NOT agreement from all the political parties regarding the legacy provisions of the Stormont House Agreement, because the Ulster Unionist Party never supported them.

This is a very important fact within the entire legacy debate because the Ulster Unionist Party does not support the Stormont House Agreement and never has.

I would respectfully ask that you circulate this letter to all members of your Committee in order that this point be clarified and that there be no doubt amongst your members on what is a crucial point. I would also ask that the record of the meeting be corrected if at all possible.

Yours sincerely

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