

**The Rt. Hon. Lord Alton of Liverpool**  
**Chair of Joint Committee on Human Rights**  
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Dear Lord Alton

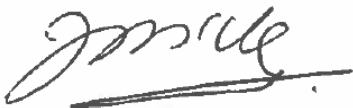
I am writing with my sincere thanks and gratitude for giving me the opportunity to give evidence as Commissioner for Victims and Survivors on 28 January as the Joint Committee's examination of the Northern Ireland Troubles Bill commenced. It was crucially important that the Committee consider the implications of this legislation in all its Human Rights dimensions including that of victims and survivors.

As the Committee's inquiry continues as the Bill passes through Parliament, and should members undertake a field visit to Northern Ireland, I would like to invite you all to meet members of the Victims and Survivors Forum here in Belfast. This is a dedicated group of volunteers with direct experience of victimhood who have experience of engaging in investigations, information recovery and decades of frustration in the pursuit of finding out what happened to their loved ones.

It would be beneficial for you and members to hear firsthand their direct experience. As they will be the beneficiaries of the provisions of this Bill, it would be a valuable opportunity for the Committee to hear about the lived experience of these men and women from diverse backgrounds and their expectations for a rights compliant approach that will deliver for them.

Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss and we wish you well in your deliberations on this Bill.

Yours Sincerely



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