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Re: EU-U.S. Safe Harbour Negotiations

Dear Taoiseach,

The American Chamber of Commerce Ireland is strongly of the view that a political agreement to resolve the business uncertainty in the regulation of transatlantic data flows is urgently required to avoid damaging disruption to international business and economic activity. Irish leadership in Europe to conclude a successful agreement is essential given Ireland's role as a transatlantic gateway for trade and investment.

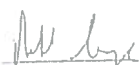
The members of the Chamber are fully supportive of the need to protect personal privacy and provide for data protection alongside the need to ensure public security. In order to realise the potential of the digital revolution across industries it is vital that we strike the right balance between the promotion of innovation and growth, protection of privacy and personal data, and ensuring the security of the public. Hence there are three specific matters that we believe must be addressed in order to restore certainty and confidence to the environment for transatlantic data transfers:

- The conclusion of negotiations on a strengthened mechanism for transatlantic data transfers
- The provision of an agreed and reasonable transition period and roadmap to allow for firms to comply with the new arrangements and to demonstrate this compliance with other existing modes of transferring data
- A Transatlantic commitment to establish a legally durable framework that reflects shared principles between the EU and the US on privacy and security, including in regard to proportionate surveillance activities

It is vital for the Irish Government to continue to push for a balanced agreement. Any successor agreement must be comprehensive and sustainable to ensure that confidence can be restored in transferring data throughout the transatlantic economy both for business and the consumer. We greatly appreciate your previous engagement with us on this question alongside our subsequent discussions with your officials.

We remain available to you or your colleagues to assist on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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President