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RE: Letter of support

To whom it may concern,

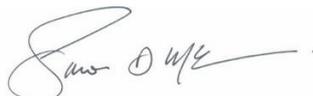
I am writing to express my support for Dublin Airport Authority's (daa) North Runway Planning Application. I believe that the addition of the North Runway to Dublin Airport would be of strategic economic importance to the Irish exporting community, in particular the membership of the Irish Exporters Association. The North Runway would not only benefit Irish indigenous exporters but would also play an important part in continuing to attract businesses to Ireland and enhance Ireland's attractiveness, as a place to do business, on a global scale.

Increased air connectivity at Ireland's biggest airport means that exporters would have a greater opportunity to maintain their position in existing markets and enter new markets, which in light of the turbulent trading conditions due to Brexit and COVID-19, is extremely important. Irish exporters, and importers, have continually faced obstacles in trading goods and met these obstacles with resilience and vigour. A large part of this resilience is down to how connected Ireland is to the world and the market opportunities that this connectivity brings. I believe that the daa's Planning Application, in its current form, for the North Runway would enhance this resilience and therefore aid the economic recovery that exporters will lead, as we have done in past economic crises. Irish exporters want to play our part in the recovery and pave the way for future economic prosperity and therefore need the connectivity tools available to fulfil this. This proposal is one such important tool.

I understand the views expressed by local community groups and in that regard, I would like to highlight that the Planning Application submitted, in my view, strikes a fair balance that facilitates economic growth whilst also protecting local communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Simon McKeever

Chief Executive