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To:

Mr Michael Martin, T.D.

C/o

Mr Don O'Connor,

Forfas,

Wilton House,

Wilton Place,

Dublin 2.

Re: Business Regulation Issues.

Dear Mr O'Connor.

I can identify a number of issues which impact on business in a very serious way either directly or indirectly and which serve no purposeful activity.

1. National Car Testing.

This was introduced with the twin objective of

(a) safer motoring and

(b) cutting emissions.

At the time of its introduction it was pointed out by many experts in the field that car testing would have no effect on road deaths as faulty cars were not a factor in road accidents (official Garda statistics at the time put the figure at less than 1%).

It is now abundantly clear that the exercise has failed but in the meantime it has put a huge burden on businesses (apart from the motor trade !) and individuals.

It has been estimated that it has cost the economy in excess of €3.5 millions to date.

The awful corollary of this waste is that many people might be alive today if these resources had been put into authentic road safety measures.

2. Department of Agriculture / EU Farm Payments.

The administration of these schemes would need a complete review and overhaul for reasons too complex and extensive for this submission.

In brief there are whole batteries of officials spending millenia of man hours trying to sort out man-made problems in what should be a very simple process.

The time of these officials (many of them highly qualified) could be so much more gainfully employed in advancing the development of the farming sector.

Yours faithfully,

P.J.Corry.