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To Ireland's Political Leaders:

By the year 2032, Irish and European historians will wonder as to how the Western World in the early 2020's unquestioningly believed that there was an "existential climate emergency", predicated on exaggerated IPCC models and unbalanced media myopia. They will wonder how the resulting green political agenda, though originally well intended, led into the legislating of mitigation strategies that were scientifically unnecessary, economically unaffordable, technically unachievable and, in the final analysis, socially unacceptable. They will wonder why Irish farming was severely curtailed, based on a misperception of the role of methane, despite Ireland's ideal climate for agriculture and a world food shortage. They will wonder how there was no understanding of the scientific fact that mitigation, even if achieved at a global level, as had already been proven in the pandemic, would have an imperceptible decadal impact on climate. They will wonder why focused adaptation was not seen as the obvious way forward in the context of the very modest climate changes which occurred since then.

They will also wonder how the associated costly drive towards intermittent renewables did not take into account the fundamental electrical engineering imperative of maintaining power grid reliability, in the then absence of any viable grid-scale storage technology. They will wonder at the lack of foresight on energy security that troubled Europe for several years, with rolling blackouts, leading to social disquiet. In the Irish context, they will wonder at the inexplicable delay in approving a no-cost shovel-ready LNG import and storage facility, and on the lack of construction of new conventional generation due to planning paralysis. It was no surprise that, in Ireland, regrettably, inward foreign direct investment inevitably slowed and the threatened outward migration of multinationals challenged national economic well-being.

It was therefore not surprising that as of 2025, the overly-political structure of IPCC was dismantled and pragmatically replaced by independent objective scientists, translating the latest observations into realistic policy. Nor was it surprising that Europe eventually learned the hard lesson that reliable and affordable energy was absolutely essential to the bloc's peace, societal well-being and economic progress. Meantime, not unsurprisingly, China, India and the rest of Asia had powered ahead, becoming the new global leaders in transformational power engineering technologies, thereby pioneering new sustainability strategies. By 2032, the world population reached 8.7 billion, Africa sadly remained the forgotten continent, and Europe still struggled to recover from its misinformed policies of a decade earlier.

Why did nobody in Ireland listen to scientific and engineering realities in the early 2020s?

Yours sincerely,



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