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Roscommon, Sligo and Westmeath**

KEEP YOUR LOCAL FIRE AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Dear Colleagues

As you are aware, IMPACT has been campaigning to oppose proposals of the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government to amalgamate library and fire services as follows:-

Library Services

Carlow/Kilkenny
Cavan/Monaghan
Cork City & County
Laois/Offaly
Longford/Westmeath
Sligo/Leitrim/Roscommon

Fire Services

Carlow/Kilkenny
Cavan/Monaghan
Galway City & County
Laois/Offaly
Longford/Westmeath
Sligo/Leitrim/Roscommon

This campaign has mobilised substantial community support. The overwhelming majority of local authority elected councillors and councils in these areas have supported the Union's position.

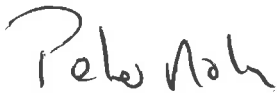
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The Local Government & Local Services Divisional Executive Committee is now requesting the relevant branches to raise this issue with candidates in the forthcoming general elections. We are seeking that the branches contact all candidates in the constituency seeking that they support the Union's campaign. A sample letter for this purpose is attached. Please complete as appropriate to your area. In addition to this, branches should seek to mobilise the maximum support for the campaign by ensuring that as many constituents as possible support the Union's proposals. Most branches have produced printed material for the campaign. Where relevant, these should be included in the documentation forwarded to the candidates. Branches should maximise the involvement of members, particularly members in the fire and library services, in this campaign.

Yours sincerely



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