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Minister Phil Hogan TD.,
Minister for the Environment,
Community & Local Government,
Department of the Environment,
Community & Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin 1

Re: Levy on all vacant commercial premises.

Dear Minister Hogan,

I wish to inform you that at the December meeting of Leitrim County Council the Members unanimously passed the following resolution:

"That Leitrim County Council call on the Government and Minister Phil Hogan to withdraw their proposal to introduce a levy on all vacant commercial premises. The pending Local Government legislation, which is due to come into effect in 2014, refers to changing the current process of waiving 100% of the commercial rates on business properties that are vacant and proposes to introduce a levy of 50% of the full rates payable on all properties that are vacant. This new proposal is referred to in "Part 5, Section 31" of the pending legislation. This proposal, to bill all vacant commercial properties in Leitrim and all over the country at 50% of the full rates payable, is unacceptable and unthinkable."

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

**Aideen McGovern
Meetings Administrator**

cc An Taoiseach