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Dear Miriam,

Thank you for passing on the information regarding the motion passed by South Dublin County Council on 19 June 2025 in correspondence **M3/0625**. Raising this subject within the context of the Council is extremely important and so too is calling on Irish MEP's to push infringement proceedings against Hungary.

At various points during my time here in Brussels I have raised the serious issue of Hungary's treatment of LGBTQ+ citizens, and expressed my deep concern regarding the EU's lack of action against the Hungarian government within this context.

As I said before in front of my Parliament colleagues, what is going on in Hungary is nothing other than state-sponsored homophobia. And it is happening on our continent. However, it does not reflect the views of other Member States, least of all Ireland. Using draconian surveillance measures during such celebrations as Pride is not just repressive, it is wholly shameful.

In Ireland, we know what it means to fight for LGBTQ+ rights. We know how difficult a feat it can be to change the status quo.

As Europeans, we cannot risk normalising the erosion of LGBTQ+ rights across our Union by standing idly by as the Hungarian government commit such treachery. This is not just Hungary's problem. It is a test of Europe's morals and its conscience. It is time for Europe to invoke the rule of law by pushing for infringement proceedings by the EU Commission against Hungary. The current number of registered complaints about alleged or potential breaches of EU law against Hungary is in the hundreds. There are hundreds of infringement proceedings too. But this particular matter cannot get lost in all of this.

In 2021, the Commission launched infringement procedures against Hungary related to the equality and the protection of fundamental rights. So, this process is not new to the Commission and it can be invoked again. It should be invoked again.

As an MEP representing the Irish people here in Brussels, I aim to do everything in my power to ensure that your voices are heard. With this in mind, I have right now sent a letter to Michael McGrath, Commissioner for Democracy, Justice, and the Rule of Law, laying out this dire situation in the hope that he will take decisive and imminent action against Hungary.

I will be in touch as soon as I have a response from the Commission.

Yours sincerely,



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