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28th May 2026

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**RE: Resolution of Galway County Council – CETA Trade Agreement**

A chara,

At the May Meeting of Galway County Council, the following resolution was passed:

*This Council agrees that the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) providing additional rights to multinational corporations to sue the state outside of ordinary legal systems we currently have will undermine EU social, health and environmental standards. This Council acknowledges that many of the trade elements are already in place and does not need the addition of corporations being able to sue the Irish government through the Investor Court System (ICS) when any new laws affect their profits. This council stands against the Investor Court System (ICS) and calls this constituency a CETA-Free Zone.*

*This Council resolves to write to the Minister for Trade, the Minister for Local government and the Taoiseach to outline this position. It further resolves to publicise the council's concerns about CETA and to circulate this motion with other Councils as correspondence for consideration.*

I would be obliged if you could consider and revert to me with your views on the above Motion so that I can advise the Elected Members.

Please arrange to reply directly to Ms. Jean Brann, County Secretary at [secretary@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:secretary@galwaycoco.ie)

Mise, le meas,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jean Brann". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

**Ms. Jean Brann**  
**County Secretary**