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Mr. Nate Solov,  
Chief of Staff,  
Office of Senator Jerry Hill,  
State Capitol, Room 5035,  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Solov,

I am writing to you regarding *SB-1465 Construction Defect Settlement Reporting to CSLB*, which has been authored and sponsored by the Honourable Senator Jerry Hill.

The collapse of a balcony at 2020 Kittredge Street in Berkeley, then called Library Gardens, on 16 June 2015 resulted in a terrible tragedy in which six young people – Irish and Irish-American – lost their lives and a further seven suffered life-changing injuries. The tragedy shocked the Irish nation, and Irish community across the United States, most particularly here in California.

Since then the Irish Government, through the Consulate of Ireland in San Francisco, has strongly supported the endeavours, led by Jackie Donohoe, to strengthen improvements in California legislation and regulation to ensure that such a tragedy will never occur again.

In that context, the Consulate would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the leading role that Senator Hill has taken on this issue. In advance of the meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development on 23 April where SB-1465 will be considered, we would like to make clear our support for Senator Hill's initiative.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet you and Senator Hill during my next visit to Sacramento and will be in contact again soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. O'Driscoll', written over a horizontal line.

Robert O'Driscoll

Consul General of Ireland

