

**Letter of Support from the Ardoyne Commemoration Project to the Greensboro Truth and Community Reconciliation Project**

**Belfast, North of Ireland**

**9 June 2004**

Dear Friends

We are writing to you on the occasion of the seating of the Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2004.

This is an historic moment, not only for you and the cause of truth in the US, but also for those of us elsewhere fighting to insure that the injustices of the past are not forgotten or become a footnote in history.

Our work involved compiling and publishing the testimonies of the relatives and friends of the 99 victims of the 30-year Northern Irish conflict who came from the Ardoyne community in North Belfast. We therefore know all too well how the oppression and violence inflicted on a community in the past leaves a painful and often bitter legacy into the present.

We particularly commend you on the great efforts you have taken to insure that the work of the Commission will maintain a strong community-based focus. Any meaningful process of truth-telling must surely always be directly connected to the community; the people who matter most. Your work in this regard will undoubtedly stand as a model for others to follow.

We congratulate you on your efforts thus far, support you warmly in your current undertaking and wish you all the best for the future.

Go ndeirigh an tadh leat!

Ardoyne Commemoration Project