

Dear sir/madame,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Irish taxpayers Aid to poor countries.

As the Irish taxpayer is being bled dry and the Irish people are the most indebted people on earth (arguably), and their tax liabilities are to increase over the next 3 years at least ,I think it is utter madness to borrow money to give away to foreign countries, and then to expect the destitute Irish to pick up the bill . To give away money you have is one thing, but to give away money you haven't is ,as I say utter madness.

€700,000,000 is a lot of money per year. In a few years you could have Metro North built and all the employment it could produce. Even doing nothing but scrapping this aid would save the country more than the proposed property tax could generate. Galway Airport could be kept open for less than 2million a year.

You have seen the resistance to the household charge .The Irish people are telling you you can get no more from them. Most Irish people do not know the extent of Irish Aid, and many "do gooders" would still support a level of Aid commensurate with our means.From the bible we know of the widows mite which was most valuable in Christs eyes. He never said give away what you can borrow and make your citizens pay.

yours faithfully

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