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Dear Professor Horvath:

The members of the Irish Economic Association write in solidarity and support for our CEU colleagues, both in the Department of Economics and across the University. As you well know, the CEU Department of Economics, a highly ranked and respected department which has won many prestigious and highly competitive awards, is a magnet for academics and students throughout the world interested in working at and pushing back the frontiers of economic thought. The CEU itself is a centre of excellence in education, thought and research, a beacon that shines from Hungary to the world and attracts the best and the brightest to it to study, to learn, to think independently and to speak intelligently, practically and productively on the greatest challenges of our time.

We add our voice to yours and strongly urge the Government of Hungary to reconsider its decision to close the CEU and to, rather, work with the CEU to sustain and build the institution so it remains one of the best Hungarian universities and one of the best universities in the world.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John McHale', is written in a cursive style.

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