

Celebrating U.S.- Irish Ties with Taoiseach Micheál Martin



Today, Ireland's Taoiseach (Prime Minister) Micheál Martin made a virtual stop at the Chamber as part of an annual St. Patrick's Day tour of Washington. Ahead of a meeting with President Biden, Martin spoke on Ireland's role in driving enhanced commercial ties between the U.S. and Europe.

Packing an outsized economic punch: Despite its small population – less than 5 million in 2020 – Ireland's economic relationship with the U.S. has created \$580 billion in two-way investment. Ireland is among the fastest-growing investors in the United States, with Irish companies creating nearly 350,000 jobs across the country.

Pandemic-era patron saint: The relationship between our two countries proved especially critical during the pandemic. Ireland was the world's 5th largest exporter of COVID-related supplies and is among the United States' largest suppliers of medicines and medical devices.

What's next for U.S.-Ireland collaboration: The broad range of shared priorities include responding to the pandemic and fostering a sustained economic recovery, addressing climate change, keeping the transatlantic digital economy connected, maintaining close relations with the United Kingdom post-Brexit, and finding common approaches to challenges from China and other non-market economies.

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