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Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) **Appeal:**

One of my closest friends was the daughter of a woman who died in Bessboro. My friend's mother was adopted in the U.S. and was never able to meet her birth mother. The trauma was felt over three generations – the original mother's death, her daughter who could never meet her mother, and my friend, the dead woman's granddaughter, who grew up with her own mother's sorrow.

Speaking on behalf of my friend and other Irish-Americans, I believe it is sacrilege to build a large-scale residential development over the graves of babies and others who died there. They should be memorialized. I know my friend with Cork ancestry and other friends of mine with Cork ancestry want to visit and commemorate these poor dead beings whose bodies were buried without markers, without their families present, with no prayers over their graves all these years. It is an outrage.

Anyone with even the smallest sense of spiritual value and of love and sorrow for these dead beings will be wounded if buildings were to be erected over so many unremembered bodies.

And who would want to live in such a place? I cannot imagine people who would not feel the shame, the sadness, the tragedy, and the horror, living over these bodies.

It would be a perpetual shame on the city of Cork, one of my favorite cities in Ireland.

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