Ms. Mary Coughlan, T.D.  
Minister for Education and Science,  
Department of Education and Science  
Tyrone House  
Marlborough Street  
Dublin 1  

Re: Registration of Educate Together as a Second-level Patron  

Dear Minister Coughlan,  

I am a parent, school, children. I am very happy with the education my children receive in their primary school and I am one of thousands who would like them to continue their education within the same ethos when they go on to second-level. At present my child has no choice but to move on to a school with different ethos and this is a concern to me, not only because I have chosen a type of education for my children that is democratic and equality-based but this type of education is not currently available to us at second-level, but also because I believe the transition from primary to secondary would be easier for my children if they were carrying on to the same type of school.  

I believe that Educate Together has proven itself as a patron body over the past thirty years and that to allow families like mine to continue with an Educate Together second-level education is not only a right but a logical step. Furthermore, I believe that Educate Together second-level schools, as described in Taking the Next Step - a Blueprint for Educate Together second-level schools, would not only provide the type of education I would like to choose for my children, but also make a valuable contribution to Irish society more generally.  

Parents like me who have been waiting for a response to our requests since 2007 were heartened to hear your commitment that you would be considering Educate Together’s registration as a second-level patron over the summer of this year. Since it is now <month>, I implore you to deal with this matter as a matter of urgency, and to register Educate Together as a matter of urgency.  

Yours sincerely,  

(Name)  

(cc local TDs and MEPs)