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Sir Christopher Kelly
Standards Committee Chairman
Public Standards Committee
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Dear Sir.

As the subject of M.Ps. Allowances and Expenses has been aired extensively on radio and television I have decided to give you my thoughts on this subject. I am a very ordinary member of the public, and after working all my life in industry am now retired.

I and millions of ordinary British citizens worked for our wages and that money was all we had to spend, and for our families to live on, expenses were paid to a few who were sent away on company business.

Its clear that Members of Parliament have abused the system of allowances and expenses and milked it for all it is worth, this has annoyed me and I believe millions of ordinary people like me.

I am not able to suggest what steps you can or will take to stop this abuse of public funds, I do have some ideas but they may be too harsh, so I do hope you come up with a scheme that will satisfy the general public and not just Members of Parliament.

However it does seem to me that we have too many M.Ps the number of them should be reduced by one third. They vote on political lines after being told by the Whips. It's clear that there is not enough business to keep them occupied, they have an easy life and even want to hide their expense claims from us, the general public.

Parliament isn't a place for great debates that would help individuals vote on the strength of the argument, most of the time we see them on television there is only around 12 people in the chamber.

I am now in danger of just rambling on and will finish this letter, but you do now have an idea of the annoyance we the ordinary people are feeling.

Yours Sincerely

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