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Sir Christopher Kelly
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Committee on Standards in Public Life
House of Commons
Westminster
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Dear Sir

Re: Members Expenses

I am prompted to write to you following a recent communication from the Speaker. I along with millions of the voting public am appalled at the outrageous claims by some members of the House. I personally feel that only a complete break with the present system will suffice. I would like you to consider the following options:

The members salary, must be commensurate with their responsibility to the electorate.

Members should be provided with suitable accommodation by the state. Possibly, converting empty office blocks in Docklands, into fully furnished luxury apartments. This accommodation could be pre booked as required and rented free of charge.

The Members could claim First Class rail travel to and from the House. An environmentally preferred option of travel.

There would be a dining allowance of up to £100 per day. This level, to be reviewed annually, and raised in line with inflation.

At the recent European elections, I met with several of my neighbours who agreed with my suggestion. We were, at the time in discussion as to where to post our vote as we had lost faith with parliamentarians of all persuasions. However we felt it was our duty to cast a vote to uphold our much prized democracy.

I am sure that you are receiving a considerable amount of post on this matter, but I trust you will give my comments your consideration.

Yours faithfully

J L Freeman (Mrs)