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Dear Sir Christopher

I write to emphasize the extreme anger and profound disappointment felt by the electorate with regard to the claims system for Members of Parliament many of whom, but not all, have seriously "milked" public money to make their lives more comfortable or to enhance their bank balances. The news media reflects this acute anger several times each day particularly as weak excuses from certain individuals are tainted with more than a touch of arrogance.

There are two points I wish to make:-

In my view (and I am not alone) Members of Parliament do not need second homes they merely need overnight / office facilities for some nights each week for only some weeks each year. Many, one might say, more worthy workers commute only at weekends and have far less substantial salaries but they do this often to secure or keep a job. Related to this point is the argument that families need to stay together. This may be ideal but above all children should be in the security of the family home within familiar territory surrounded by their toys, their close friends and the stability of nursery or school life. Commuting between first and second homes could be most unsettling. Please note the enclosed cutting from the Telegraph sent in by my Daughter- in Law BEFORE the extent of the scandal became public knowledge. It seems to me to be an excellent solution.

My second point is related to a General Election. I do not want one YET. Voters need time to assess the calibre of those wishing to stand for office. I have voted at every General Election since I was eligible and I am now in my seventies but I will not vote until the abuses situation is much clearer and this will inevitably take some time.

Yours sincerely,