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Mr. Richard Lloyd
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Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority
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Dear Mr. Lloyd,

I was disappointed to learn from reading in The Times Newspaper this morning of IPSA's proposal to award a significant pay increase to Members of Parliament.

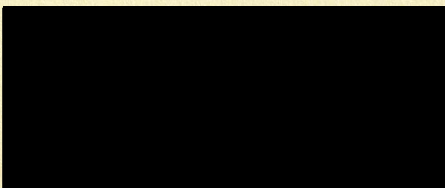
I appreciate that the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority is by its very definition independent of MPs but I do want to place on record my strong objection to the proposed pay increase for Members of Parliament.

I did not ask for this pay increase and I do not agree with it. Many of my constituents at the moment are furloughed or face the prospect of losing their job and I cannot begin to tell you how utterly inappropriate the suggestion of awarding such a ridiculous pay increase to Members of Parliament is going to be seen by the electorate who are making enormous sacrifices at what is a difficult time.

I would strongly recommend that you reconsider what is at best an ill-judged proposal that cannot and should not find support amongst most Members of Parliament.

I trust you will take these comments on board and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



David Linden MP