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Dear IPSA

## **Proposals for MP pay rise for 2021-22**

I am writing regarding the above proposals.

While it is only correct that Members of Parliament do not have a decision on their own pay and conditions, which is rightly the responsibility of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, I would like to put on record my own thoughts on this, as part of any evidence that you may be considering to help you make a decision.

These are tough times and the Government has spent more than any other in supporting the nation through the COVID-19 pandemic. With that being said there is not an unlimited public purse and difficult decisions will need to be made on future spending for the sake of our whole country.

Additionally the private sector is likely to see pay restraint in place for some time as the economy recovers.

With this in mind I would like to state my opposition to Members of Parliament receiving any sort of pay rise in the coming year – 2021/22. I believe that as elected representatives in Parliament, we should lead by example, and if we are asking for savings to be made across the public sector, then we should be at the forefront of this.

Thank you for considering my correspondence and I hope this is of use in your decision-making.

Yours sincerely,

Steve

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