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Dear Richard

Re: Consultation On Periodic Adjustments To MPs' Pay, Autumn 2020

I am writing to express my concern that a pay increase may be the outcome of the present consultation on the periodic adjustments to MP's pay for Autumn 2020. Given the profound economic and social consequences of the COVID 19 pandemic I wish as a Member of the House of Commons to urge you to consider the full gambit of wider social and economic information available to you and your team while deliberating MPs pay.

I am struck that the consultation is titled "periodic" and with that it may be advantageous to choose to wait till the present public health crisis is over to have the "periodic" consultation which will be more fitting. I am also deeply concerned that the possible and most likely outcome of the consultation will be for a pay increase for MPs, all the while many of my constituents are all being asked to make deep economic sacrifices.

I know that both you and your team will recognise the implications of such a recommendation not only on the perceptions of MP's but most importantly on the very democracy on which our governance structure function; these structures require trust and an element of respect to be effective and I believe such a recommendation will negatively challenge the essential parts of our democracy at this critical time.

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