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The Chair
Committee for Approving MPs' Expenses
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Dear Sir

We write with reference to the recent debate surrounding MPs' expenses and the proposal to appoint a third-party to examine these.

It seems to us that the House must be seen to make very effort to reduce the cost of this exercise and to remove it from any possible influence by MPs. Accordingly it would be inappropriate to appoint a top-flight London firm of chartered accountants. Indeed, as the auditing required is only at its most basic level, there would be no need to appoint chartered accountants at all. Anyone with accounting knowledge would be able to carry out the work.

A small firm of accountants outside London would seem the ideal candidate. We wish to put this firm forward for consideration for the post of auditors of MPs' expenses.

Yours faithfully

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