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Edinburgh West



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

24<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing this late on Sunday evening after reading many emails from constituents who have been moved to write to me, many of them for the first time, to express their anger that you have condoned the behaviour of Dominic Cummings. They feel that his breach of the stay at home guidance, particularly when infected with the virus, was unacceptable.

Many of them have told me their own stories of lockdown. They describe deaths of loved ones and funerals missed, new grandchildren not yet met, the pain of being separated from their families, the worry of seeing elderly parents through a window while dropping off provisions, the difficulty of managing to juggle home-schooling with working from home. They describe how they have struggled to look after their children while they have been ill.

They have all obeyed the rules. It's been incredibly hard for them, but they have been motivated to do so in order to save lives.

It's not an exaggeration to say that they feel angry, disappointed and betrayed that you have not only allowed him to stay in post, but have supported his behaviour.

While I agree with them that it would be inappropriate for Mr Cummings to continue in his role, I wanted you to be aware of how they felt.

In the three years I have been an MP, I have never seen such an issue unite so many people.

I urge you to reconsider your position on this matter of vital importance to my constituents who have made so many personal sacrifices to protect themselves and others over these last 9 weeks.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine A Jardine', written in a cursive style.

Christine A Jardine  
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