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The Rt Hon Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP Speaker's Office House of Commons London SW1A 0AA

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Dear Mr Speaker,

The public's trust in our politics is already at a breaking point. Constant stories of MPs accepting gifts and freebies just chips away at that trust further.

A ban on MPs accepting freebies would kickstart the process of restoring the public's trust in our political system.

This measure would be popular with the public, as 61% of people think it is unacceptable for MPs to accept freebies and gifts, according to recent polling from YouGov.

As Speaker, you could set a powerful example by rejecting gifts and freebies offered to you.

We urge you to support a ban on MPs accepting freebies, and to recommend this measure to the Committee on Standards.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

In Trade

Tom Brake - Director of Unlock Democracy