



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Dear Prime Minister,

I write on behalf of many of my constituents who have contacted me expressing their intense anger following media reports of yet another party at 10 Downing Street in May 2020 attended by yourself and No. 10 staff.

Many have recounted their own experiences of lockdown during May 2020, when, as a result of restrictions introduced by your government, they were unable to visit loved ones in care homes, in hospital or even attend family funerals. They did the right thing, they stayed at home in order to protect the NHS and save lives, often at great emotional cost to them and their families. They believed their adherence to the rules was a necessary sacrifice for the greater good of the country and to help save as many lives as possible.

Therefore, I hope you can understand the anger they now feel, and I very much share, when reports of various "cheese and wine" parties, Christmas Quizzes and "bring your own booze" parties have been taking place at the very heart of government.

Many have expressed how let down they feel by those who are one minute urging them to do the right thing and comply with COVID-19 restrictions, and the next, throwing parties in the garden of 10 Downing Street. This whole affair only serves to further erode trust and undermine our democratic processes at a critical time for the country.

I was present in the House today to hear your statement prior to PMQs, and I accept there is an enquiry underway to establish the extent of any breach of COVID-19 restrictions. However, many of my constituents feel, despite your apology, that your position as Prime Minister is now untenable as you have lost all moral authority to lead this country, and I very much share their view. Every day you remain in post further undermines



confidence in your government to lead this country out of this crisis, and as such I would urge you to consider your position and do the right thing and resign.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "George Howarth".

The Rt Hon Sir George Howarth MP
Knowsley