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Dear Sir,

I hope that this letter is not too late but I've only just found where to email my submission. My local MP is Angela Smith of the Hillsborough Constituency.

I have seen how Angela as a hard working local MP has been helped by having her partner Steve Wilson working closely in support of her and organising her office when she is in Westminster.

I know he works long hours including evenings and weekends, supplying excellent value for money.

I believe that to change the rules to prevent MP's employing their spouse is extremely foolish. If the spouse does a good job then they deserve to keep their job. If not then they should be sacked and the MP penalised for using tax payers money to swell the family coffers.

Yours faithfully

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