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Rt Hon Theresa May MP
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Dear Theresa,

This is a constituency enquiry. I have been contacted by Mr Affleck of 2 Suffolk Green, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh SO53 3ES raising concerns with historic child abuse.

I have been in contact with Mr Affleck for some time regarding the allegations made against a Mr Gilbert-Smith. Mr Affleck has made me aware of a payment made by Mr Gilbert-Smith to prevent his name being mentioned as a co-defendant in a civil case led by victims of abuse against Berkshire County Council. The payment in question is as much as £1.5 million. Mr Affleck has made his allegations known to you in the past but has yet to receive an adequate response. I would be grateful to know why the constituent has not been contacted regarding these very serious allegations.

Mr Affleck would like to know your thoughts on the payment made by Mr Gilbert-Smith. The arrangement was reached between BCC's insurance arrangements and Mr Gilbert-Smith, a man being accused of child abuse, which allowed his name to be kept out of the civil proceedings in exchange for money. No matter the volume of money changing hands, this is morally suspect.

By intending to take Mr Gilbert-Smith as a co-defendant BCC were accusing him of historic child abuse. Accepting an out of court settlement meant that potentially decisive facts were not available to the CPS for their prosecution when the information from the civil case were requested via court order. Mr Affleck has also argued that the submissions made by BCC to not disclose confidential or privileged information is illustrative of a wilful perversion of the course of justice.

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