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Honourable Robert Wanner
Office of the Speaker
325 Legislature Building
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Re: Accommodation Allowance

I am deeply troubled by the acknowledgement by the Member for Strathmore-Brooks that he has been renting his Temporary Residence while also claiming his Accommodation Allowance. This is the sort of behaviour that diminishes the reputation of all Members, and of the political process as a whole. It is important that Albertans know their elected representatives behave ethically, and when they do not, there are consequences.

Therefore, I am writing to ask that you determine if any penalties apply to this Member for claiming over and above his actual living allowance.

Consolidated Member Services Committee Orders section 6(1) says (emphasis added):

A Member who qualifies for an allowance under **section 5(1)** may claim an allowance for accommodation reflecting the actual costs incurred up to a maximum amount

I ask that you request he produce documentation to confirm the exact amount over and above his actual expenses were incurred, and also produce documents confirming that he has in fact repaid this exact amount. Based on my reading of the current *Consolidated Member Services Committee Orders* I do not believe a penalty can be applied, but I ask that you determine if there are any provisions within your role as Speaker that allow you to apply a penalty.

In fairness to all Members, I also ask that you direct the Legislative Assembly Office to conduct an audit of MLA living allowances to ensure all Members are following the rules.

As always, I am happy to discuss this with you at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Clark', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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