

Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP
Chair
Select Committee on Science and Technology
House of Commons
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Dear Mr Lamb,

Many thanks for your letter of 10 October, responding to my letter of 21 September to Mr Graham Stringer, a member of the House of Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology. While I am grateful that you took the time to consider my letter, I am disappointed that you have decided not to tackle Mr Stringer about citing his membership of the Committee to add weight to his false claims and misrepresentations of the work of climate researchers in his article in the 'Daily Mail and letter to 'The Times' on 20 September.

The authors of the paper by Millar et al. were clear and explicit in their letter to the 'Daily Mail' on 21 September: "Graham Stringer MP misrepresents our study to claim global temperatures are not rising as fast as predicted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and suggests that action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is therefore no longer urgent".

As you know, Mr Stringer responded to my letter in an email message on 10 October. He failed to withdraw the false claims contained in his letter and article, and refused to acknowledge the authors' complaints that he had misrepresented their work. I have included with this letter my response to Mr Stringer, in which I again ask him to withdraw his false claims.

Mr Stringer's apparent refusal to correct his misrepresentations of the work of Millar et al and his continuing campaign against scientists at the Climatic Research Unit at the University of East Anglia, reflects poorly on him as a Member of Parliament. The failure of the Committee to distance itself from Mr Stringer's attacks on climate researchers and their work has severely damaged its credibility in my eyes. I have had many constructive engagements with the Committee in the past, including 'My Science Inquiry' in the last session. However, I will now be much more sceptical about the value of submitting evidence and engaging with the Committee over its future inquiries.

I do not challenge your assertion that "individual members of the Science and Technology Committee are entitled to their personal perspectives and views, on climate change and any other issue". However, Mr Stringer apparently believes he is also entitled to misrepresent

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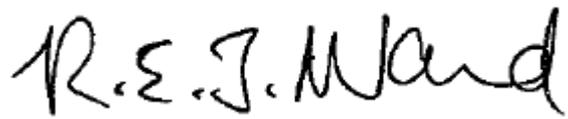
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the evidence and create his own 'facts'. His antics explain why opinion surveys show far higher levels of public trust in scientists than in politicians.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R.E.J. Ward". The letters are cursive and connected, with a distinct loop at the end of the word "Ward".

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