Joan Williamson to me Aug 11

You can't be serious. Have you driven around upstate NY lately and seen all the closed small businesses and for sale signs on homes? We're suffering through one of the worst financial disasters I can remember and you have the outright gall to suggest a 47% raise? It just makes me sick. Talk about being completely and totally out of touch with the populace you serve, I'd get rid of whoever suggested this hair-brained idea for sure. You already make lots more than the average taxpayer in this area despite not having raises in several years. Try hard to have a small amount of compassion for those of us why pay your salaries! Do something to help us not yourselves. I know where of I speak. I'm retired now but have spent 20 years living in personal poverty after becoming disabled. I was put on a job I couldn't physically do, heavy lifting in a furniture factory. My income was slashed, I live in chronic pain and I have to accept that the state government doesn't even know I'm alive, or others like me. Try to be ashamed of yourselves. I know that would be a first. Sincerely, Joan Williamson