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October 14, 2016

The Honorable Sheila Birnbaum
Chair, NYS Commission on Legislative, Judicial, & Executive Compensation
64 Beaver Street, Box 454
New York, NY 10004

Dear Chair Birnbaum:

I write to express my opposition to what preliminary reports speculate as a proposal to provide a 47 percent increase in annual compensation for members of the New York State Legislature. I ask that my opposition to a proposed 47 percent pay raise be included as part of the Commission's official public record.

I believe that such a significant increase is unreasonable. In addition, I believe that the Commission should hold additional public hearings to ensure that taxpayers across New York State – and those who serve them in elective office – have more opportunity to publicly weigh-in on this important issue.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments in opposition to a 47 percent pay increase for members of the New York State Legislature and also to my call for additional public hearings on this matter before the Commission offers its final recommendation on the issue of legislative compensation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Marchione".

Kathy Marchione
State Senator, 43rd District

cc: NYS Commission on Legislative, Judicial, & Executive Compensation
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