

Pay raise for New York State legislators and governor

Karen Watkins to me

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To: Sheila Birnbaum, Hon. Barry A. Cozier, Roman B. Hedges, Mitra Hormozi, Gary Johnson, Hon. James J. Lack, and Fran Reiter
Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to ask you not to approve an increase in compensation for the legislators and governor. It is my opinion, shared by many, that the legislators have done nothing important or substantive, over the past several years, to improve the lives of New Yorkers. The governor seems to do nothing except what will enhance his own position - not that of the citizens.

The legislators are already paid handsomely for a part-time job, particularly in the eyes of upstate residents, most of whom could not even dream of such high levels of compensation. Given that we are making far less than they are, how are we suppose to support them even at their current salary levels, not to mention any proposed increase?

They may not have had a raise since 1999, but many New Yorkers have not had much of a raise either since then - if they are still fortunate enough to have a job paying them at their 1999 levels.

Thank you for considering my comments on this matter.

Sincerely,

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