

## State Legislator Pay Raises

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Dear New York State Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation:

I read in the local paper the horror of the possibility that the commission might recommend a pay raise for the legislative body. ARE YOU KIDDING ME??!?!!!!!

A pay raise would SEND THE WRONG MESSAGE to a body of the government that is rampant with corruption and has made absolutely no effort in cleaning up its act. 2016 was a shameful, exasperating spectacle that set a new low for a state legislature regarded as one of the most corrupt and dysfunctional in the country. Former Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and former Senate Majority leader Dean Skelos were both convicted on corruption charges, fueling calls for reform. And yet lawmakers failed to pass meaningful ethics reform, guaranteeing that little will change. In addition, they are the third-highest paid legislators in the country, behind California (\$90,526) and Pennsylvania (\$83,801), states that both have FULL-TIME legislators.

Where I and all the hard working New Yorkers in the state come from, you earn a pay raise. The legislature has NOT earned it. THE LEGISLATURE NEEDS TO CLEAN UP ITS ACT FIRST AND THEN MAYBE A PAY RAISE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

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