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Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation Members,

I've read that our NY State lawmakers haven't had a raise since 1999 and currently have a base salary of \$79,500, and are now looking for a raise. Be honest, how many only get the base salary amount? With all of the committees they sit on and their per diem for being in Albany, I think it is safe to say that they make more than \$79,500 and all for working six months of the year. But wait, not even six full months. According to the calendar on the NYS Assembly website, there were 57 "Session" days and 8 "Legislative Activity/Budget hearings" and, by the way, not even a full Monday-Friday session.

If it comes down to them deserving a raise based on their performance that would be a resounding "NO". They have waffled for years over the issue of term limits but I was glad to see they spent so much of their precious six months (insert sarcasm) to make sure New York State has an official state dog (Bill A9172/SO6382-A).

The Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation have been assigned to deliberate on whether the lawmakers deserve more money. How convenient that they have until November 15 to make that decision; right after the November 8th election. That will definitely preclude any legislator having to make a case for the raise they feel they deserve either before or even after the election.

The Occupational Wages for NYS on the NYS Labor website is quite informative showing mean, median and entry level wages; I compared the entry level wages. I chose to review the management occupations as I consider these the best to compare to our legislators' duties as I feel the legislators' purpose is to manage what goes on in our State for the benefit of New York State residents. To point out a few: Medical & Health Service Managers entry wage is \$78,990; Social & Community Service Managers entry wage is \$59,510. These stated salaries are for **full time** work and please note that these managers' wages are **less** than our legislators' current part time salaries.

In most jobs if the worker doesn't meet set standards or doesn't produce quality work, they do not get a raise. Plain and Simple..... So why should the legislators' feel they deserve a raise especially this year with next to no improvements in this legislative session.

Thank you for your time.

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