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Sheila Birnbaum
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Dear Ms. Birnbaum,

I am writing to express my concerns about recent reports that the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation is considering an increase of the base pay of state lawmakers of up to 47 percent. I am asking you to reject any increase in legislators' salaries, much less one that large.

At a time when so many families and businesses and seniors are struggling to get by, the best interests of the taxpayers must always be our number one priority. An excessive pay increase for elected officials will add to the burden already being shouldered by the overtaxed residents of New York.

I hope you will take these concerns into consideration as you continue your work, and I urge you and all of your colleagues on the Commission to reject a pay raise for state legislators.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If I can be of further assistance to your Commission, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Senator George Amedore

