

Sheila Birnbaum
Chair
NYS Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation
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Dear Ms. Birnbaum,

I write to express my objection to raising State Legislators' salaries. It is unjustifiable to reward State Legislators after their failure to pass comprehensive ethics reform, particularly given the recent trend of corruption in both chambers. For hard working New Yorkers, you do not get a raise when you fail to do your job -- it should not be any different for politicians.

I particularly object to any legislative pay raise until the Legislature closes the loophole that allows these politicians, like my State Senator, Kemp Hannon, to double-dip into their pensions while continuing to receive their taxpayer funded part-time salary of \$79,500. It is important to note that the per capita income in Nassau County is \$42,949.

It has become painfully obvious that Albany politicians think they are above the law and they manipulate loopholes to enrich themselves. We cannot reward them with taxpayer funded pay raises while they allow corruption to run rampant. If these politicians so strongly believe that they are deserving of a raise, than they should bring it to the public for a vote rather than leave it up to a self-appointed board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ryan Cronin

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