

Shelley Lupe to me

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To whom it may concern-

I am writing to oppose any pay raises for our Lawmakers here in NYS. It is irrelevant that their pay has not been raised since 1999 because they are overpaid at a base pay of \$79,500 for a part time job. \$79,500 is so far above a normal pay for the constituents who work part time. It is obscene their base pay is at the level to begin with. Further the representatives are not doing their job. This session they once again failed to address ethics reform despite all the convictions for numerous representatives including Skelos and Silver. There are loop holes that have allowed these people to work "day jobs" and refer work that compensates them and their businesses without retribution. Even convictions such as the \$4,000,000 in graft Silver pocketed is in jeopardy of being overturned.

They have not addressed our property taxes and keep piling on and/or do not remove unfunded mandates that they know are detrimental to our ability to pay our taxes. The City of Schenectady School systems has not received their fair share of the aid formula for years and yet it is still left uncorrected resulting in huge shortfalls in their budget and huge tax increases despite the cap because they raise our tax rate instead. Schenectady is at 123% assessed values.

Our full time jobs are not \$79,500 let alone our benefits and per diems.

PLEASE DO NOT RECOMMEND THESE PAYRAISES. THEY HAVE NOT EARNED THEM AND THEY ARE OVERPAID,

Sincerely,

Shelley Lupe