



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

FROM: New York State Trial Lawyers Association

DATE: November 7, 2016

RE: Statement of Support for an Increase in Legislative Salary

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The New York State Trial Lawyers Association urges the New York State Commission on Legislative, Judicial, & Executive Compensation to authorize an increase in legislative salary, which has remained unchanged for 17 years.

In the last 17 years, the cost of everything has gone up. Prices have increased approximately 42 percent and the minimum wage has more than doubled. Our hard-working legislators deserve a raise as well. With both houses led by different political parties, now is the right time do this.