

Law makers raise

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Hello,

My opinion of the 47% proposed pay increase is that it is way out of whack even if they have not received a raise since 1999. The standard for blue collar workers if they got a raise at all is 2 - 3 %. To bring the lawmakers up a 17 % raise would be more appropriate. With little attention paid to Upstate and western NY, to ask for that much of a raise will infuriate Central and Western New Yorkers. Promise to stop the retirement benefits of law makers that are convicted of felonies associated with their public trust then people will feel there is something being done in Albany. Now, it is filled with people that serve themselves and New York City first.

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With the new \$12.25 minimum wage, small businesses are cutting people and even our Library is in a bind to cut staff, cut benefits or cut hours. What will you say to those people when you get your big raise? % of people working? Many of those jobs are Temporary jobs with few benefits and lower pay.

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