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Compensation for NYS Legislators

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Good evening and thank you for the opportunity to submit this statement concerning the compensation paid to State Legislators.

For far too long, I have been wondering why our State Legislature meets for barely half the year. The citizens of New York State are short-changed, year after year. The Legislature starts meeting in January and through the beginning of April (and sometimes beyond) is subsumed with the budget. The rest of the Legislative agenda frequently gets short shrift, with the two houses rushing to complete in about eight weeks that which requires much more time. Many bills do not receive the thorough review that they deserve; some don't see the light of day because time runs out.

The salary paid to our legislators for part-time work is more than sufficient as is. Their high salary, compared to that paid to legislators in other states, does not warrant an increase at this time. Moreover, any increase now or in the future should be tied to having a full-time Legislature-perhaps meeting from September to June-what a novel idea.

Again, thank you .

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