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NO PAY RAISES UNTIL CAP IN PLACE

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To Whom it may concern,
State legislators should NOT get any raises until outside income is capped!
'The mice are guarding the cheese'... many legislators work for law firms and companies that are impacted by their legislative actions.
There should be no pay raises for legislators or elected statewide officials until their outside income — often from law firms or companies where they work — is limited.
Their FOCUS should be on their legislation for the people! They shouldn't have TAKEN the gov't job if "it deprives legislators of earning a living and would force members to resign from their public jobs." What a joke of a statement!! Republican legislators, many of them lawyers, often have held outside jobs more than Democrats.
I believe, as Rachael Fauss of the Reinvent Albany says, that pay increases without greater safeguards to better ensure elected officials put the public before their private pocketbook interests would be unwarranted and irresponsible!! The public basically made a deal with the legislature to support pay raises in return for limits on outside income.
This potential conflict exists in Albany. Legislators routinely consider proposals that may have an impact on their outside business interests. Nobody is FORCING these people to take these jobs. Actually, they know how lucrative it can be for lawmakers to inappropriately use the powers of their public office for private gain.
If NYS hires you, your loyalty is to us!

Sincerely,
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