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I am AGAINST the proposed pay increase for Arkansas legislators. While many Arkansas programs that benefit children, families, veterans, and the elderly are constantly being asked to "cut back" because there is "not enough money", you request that your pay is more than doubled for part-time public service? Most working professionals in the State are being looked over for cost of living raises year after year, and when it is received, it is likely 1.5-2%! Arkansas social workers, DCFS employees, teachers, and mental health therapists working in Community Mental Health Centers, all with bachelors degrees and many with Master's degrees, do not make \$39,400. per year working 50-60 hours per week, many times 7 days/week, all year long! Additionally, DCFS CPS workers are reimbursed for mileage at 0.42/mile. Why do legislators receive 15 more cents per mile than the DCFS workers running the city streets and back roads of the state every day of the week? This proposal is a slap in the face to hard working Arkansans and will not stand. It is shameful! Please reconsider.

Sincerely,
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I am opposed to the excessively large increases for Legislators and the Governor. It is my belief the current salaries and perks they receive are quite adequate.

Thank you

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Really ? The 'ethics' Issue #3 was NOT ethical at all. Now that the 'term limits' have been extended, an 'adjust salary is on the table. More time, more money and a good chunk of money too. I strongly object to such an increase in salary. I strongly objected to the way Issue #3 was presented in a most hidden way. I sincerely hop and PRAY the citizens will remember just how this was done. Does anyone remember what citizens of Arkansas wanted done with the PO ? That didn't happen either. I'm tired of being misled, lied to and getting no representation from elected officials. There was an opportunity to do things right but instead 'we the people' we left out again. Elected officials doing just what they planned.

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Yes to raise

It is about time that Arkansas is going to raise the pay for our elected officials. You must pay to have smart people run a business or our government . I support your decision on raising salaries. With that said lets start cutting cost, and maybe a few unneeded positions and then all of us can get a raise! Kirk Elsass Sent from my iPhone

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Pay raise concern

To commission members,

Thank you for taking the time to read through my input. As stands, I do not support the proposal to increase the wages/salaries of the officials within the proposal.

If increases in salaries are ultimately implemented, please keep the public image and the fiscal health of our st in mind implementing said changes. An example would be to only increase by 5-10% per year for 10 years till a specific dollar value has been reached. This will give the public a better view of the state, provide a softer hit o our tax dollars, and show the future and current elected officials that we value their hard work.

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Comment on proposed salary changes

I would like to express my support of the increase of the salaries for the members of the state legislature and the constitutional officers in the proposal. I am concerned that the current low salaries make it impossible for many good candidates to run. I also think that the elimination of the expense payments for representatives and senators is a very good idea. These expenses are often poorly justified and have essentially turned into another form of the salary to supplement the current poor salaries. I wish you had also recommended to eliminate the disparity between the payment rates for mileage and per diem expenses that currently exist between members of the Legislature and state employees.
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