

*Brenda Jeffers*

FW: Independent Citizens Commission [#33]

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From: Wufoo  
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 3:20:12 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
To: Jay Bruce  
Subject: Independent Citizens Commission [#33]

I am opposed to the salary increases. I do not believe the amount of salary indicates the level of intelligence you will get through an elected official. I think the higher salary could be the deciding factor to run for an office opposed to the desire to help the people in the great state of Arkansas. Do not insult the majority of the workin people by voting yourselves a raise that most of us haven't had in years.

*Lisa Perry*

FW: Independent Citizens Commission [#35]

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I am appalled, although not entirely surprised, to see pay raises such as these even being considered for our legislators. In a time when we are all being asked to cut back, when you are threatening cuts to state agencies programs, and employees, how can increases this large be justified.

These proposed salaries reflect higher pay for PART TIME elected officials than most full time state employees receive. It is more than a great many of our full time school teachers, law enforcement officers, fire fighters, and most other Arkansans working in the public sector receive. It is most certainly more than our citizens working in service industries make.

There is no justification for paying a part time legislature salaries equivalent to a good full time salary at a time when other state employees in full time jobs make less - often far less - and are getting either no raises or minimal raises.

*Robert Crosby*

FW: Independent Citizens Commission [#34]

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All of this commission must be rich and have no idea how the average person live. NO. NO.

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Pay Raises for Elected Officials

Dear Commission Members,

I am sending you this email to voice my opinion against the huge pay raises for elected officials. I find it wholly repugnant that these raises are so large! In a state where the median household income is approx. only \$40,000.00 per year, the fact that elected officials across the board are receiving such large raises is complete obscene to the working class of our great state! Also, in a state where 19% of it citizens lives below the poverty level while elected officials can have their pay increased at such a huge amount is a complete slap in the face the people that pay their salaries!

As a registered voter and a tax payer, I personally would not have an issue if the raises were more in line with private sector. My issue is with amounts of the increases that these officials will receive. No where in the privat sector are people eligible for these large raises! It doesn't happen. NOT EVER!

These are not simple "cost of living" raises or anything remotely close to that. This is simply feeding off of the people that pay their salaries. My only hope is that the wise people appointed to this commission can see that simple fact and not allow such insanity to prevail.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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*Sue Ryan*

Pay increases for state legislators, judges and constitutional officers

I read with interest the proposed increases. I would like to know the plan of paying for these increases. Please advise.

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