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attn: Independent
Citizens Commission:

First I want to thank each of you for working on these Committees trying to make our State a better place to live -

I agree with Senator Ingram, all these people knew what the salary was when they ran for office.

So - why are they complaining now?

I urge you all to vote no.

May God Bless each of you -

Love

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Dear Commission For Independent Citizens,

You are hearing from one upset Citizen, because of your proposed raises being discussed on March 2, 2015. You should look at what cost of living raises and Insurance premiums and deductables went into effect for your other State Employees? 1% Cost of living with Higher Premiums and deductables is what most other employees received. The proposed raises are outrageous for these persons listed. 100% to 50% and more. The folks who hold these offices, knew what the salaries were when they took office, and I have seen no change in job descriptions or raises is revenue to warrant these salary raises.

I believe Roads, Schools, Bridges, and County Governments should be further compensated, and budgetted, before and other raises should be even considered. Also the regular State Employees should have larger compensation considered including wages, Insurance Coverage, and Retirement. Then and only then should these outrageous raises for Governor, Ect. be considered. P.S. This Seems to be a form of backdoor Politics?

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The commission should reconsider the proposed salary adjustments for these official offices. These are elected officials and were well aware of the salary associated with that position when running for that office. The range of the salary increases are extreme and detrimental to the revenue expense budgets, they are also not in the best interest of the Arkansas citizens, taxpayers.

Newly elected officials should have to do job duty, performance to be considered for a salary adjustment, not just take office and certainly not for this large of a change without further discussion, public knowledge and approval. These amounts being proposed by this commission are especially offensive in view of the Arkansas State Employees only receiving a 1% cost of living salary adjustment, taking in consideration state employees also incurred

additional expenses for 2015 of increased insurance premiums, spouses removed from coverage, deductibles and out of pocket costs.

As a state employee with a disabled spouse, both citizens, and taxpayers these types of double standards without justification of the cost truly seems that the commission is not thinking about its Arkansas Citizens, taxpayers. Please re-consider your proposed salary Adjustments.

Sincerely,

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I think this proposal to raise these salaries is shameful. These people knew what the salaries were when they ı for office. They shouldn't have sought the offices if they didn't like the salary schedule. When the expense account is factored into their total yearly salary schedule, they make a nice sum for a part time job.

The Legislature should set salary schedules. After all, they are chosen by the people to make decisions for the State..not an appointed commission that could possibly make decisions purely along partisan lines. I think this could be a dangerous situation.

I think these proposed salaries are way out of line and should not be implemented.