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January 30, 2023

Arkansas Independent Citizens Commission  
State Capitol Building  
500 Woodlane Ave.  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Commissioners:

We are writing to you in reference to the January 20, 2023 meeting of the Independent Citizens Commission to express our opinion that salary raises for legislators are not currently warranted.

In order to maintain public safety, our state must put first responders first and create more prison space. We also need to increase teacher compensation and enact tax relief that rewards diligent taxpayers. These are just a few of the urgent fiscal needs that must be addressed. Legislators' salaries should not be considered a top concern on this list. While Arkansas employees and families have seen extraordinarily high inflation rates over the past year, many have not seen corresponding pay increases as the economy remains weak. In our opinion, it would be improper to increase legislator pay at a time when many Arkansans must make decisions like whether to feed their families or heat their homes.

We respect and value the job that this commission undertakes, and we are grateful that you take our suggestions into consideration.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robin Lundstrum in black ink.

Robin Lundstrum  
State Representative  
District 18

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DeAnna Hodges  
State Representative  
District 9

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