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February 14, 2023

Arkansas Independent Citizens Commission
Attn: Donna Kerr
Victory Building
1401 W. Capitol, Suite 325
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing to you in advance of the Independent Citizens Commission meeting scheduled for February 17, 2023, to share our belief that increases in legislative pay should be reviewed at a later time.

Our state has many pressing budgetary needs such as increasing teacher pay, building adequate prison space to maintain public safety, and enacting tax relief that rewards hardworking Arkansas taxpayers. At a time when a statewide hiring freeze is in effect, raising pay for lawmakers should not register as an urgent priority. Arkansas's workers and families have faced extraordinary levels of inflation over the past year, but many have not received a commensurate pay increase as the economy continues to struggle. In our view, it would be inappropriate to raise legislative pay at this time when many Arkansans are facing the uncertainty imposed by this economy.

We respect the work of this commission, and we thank you for taking the time to consider our input.

Sincerely,

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District 95

John Maddox
State Representative
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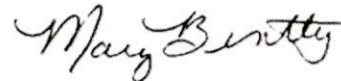
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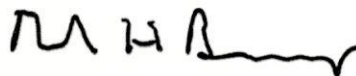
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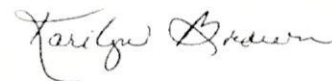
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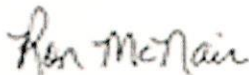
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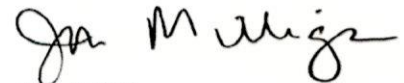
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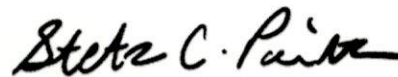
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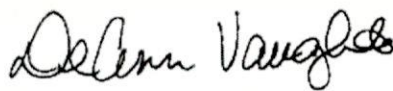
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