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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 response to the Independent Citizens Commission meeting held on January 20, 2023, to share our concern that increases in legislative pay are not justified at this time. Our primary goals are to cut spending in order to reduce taxes.

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 taxpayers. In our opinion, raising salaries for legislators is not a priority for our State.

Arkansas's workers and families are facing extraordinary levels of inflation and many have not received commensurate pay increases as the economy continues to flounder. In our view, it is not responsible or prudent to raise legislative pay at a time when many Arkansans have to face choices such as whether to heat their home or buy their groceries.

We respect and appreciate the work this commission does; however, we would ask you to reconsider the recommendation to increase legislators' salaries and vote NO to an increase at this time.

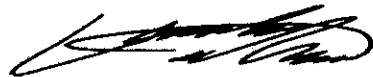
Sincerely,

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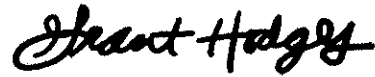
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