



SENATE
STATE OF DELAWARE
LEGISLATIVE HALL
DOVER, DELAWARE 19903

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Mr. Pete Ross, Chairman
Delaware Compensation Commission
Human Resource Management
Haslet Armory
122 William Penn Street
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Dear Pete:

With the deadline approaching for another Compensation Commission recommendation report, we are asking that you and your colleagues on the Commission not recommend any compensation increases for all elected or appointed officials. This includes any of the three branches of government, Legislative, Executive, and Judiciary.

Our reasons for this request should be self-evident: our projected budget deficits reflect the worsening economic climate. As good stewards of our taxpayer's money, we must begin to rein-in the excessive spending of the last several years in our State Government. It would be unconscionable to ask or expect our taxpayers, state employees, and other interested groups to shoulder Delaware's fiscal shortfall burden if elected and higher-compensated appointed officials are not willing to forgo raises at this time.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the people of Delaware. We wish you and your colleagues a very Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

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Senate Minority Whip
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