



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Andrea Stewart-Cousins

## Statement from Senate Democratic Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins on Legislative Pay Increases

ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS December 6, 2018

“I recently discussed my views on salary increases with each of the legislative pay commission members, and I was clear that a raise for New York State legislators is appropriate following twenty years of no increases. For many years, the Senate Democratic Conference led the fight on ethics reforms against staunch Republican opposition, and forced a vote on our gold standard outside income bill modeled after Congress. That vote was unanimously supported by our conference members at the time. Now that we will be in the Majority, my Senate Democratic colleagues and I continue to support that legislation and expect to secure its passage in the upcoming Legislative Session. We will also continue to advance other crucial reforms.”