



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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STATEMENT FROM SENATOR SUE SERINO REGARDING PAY RAISE PROPOSAL

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Hyde Park, NY—Senator Sue Serino released the following statement regarding potential pay raises for Albany politicians:

"For years I have refused to accept taxpayer-funded travel reimbursements, and I have vehemently opposed a pay raise for Albany lawmakers. With residents across the state still struggling to make ends meet, and with legislative proposals looming in Albany that could drastically increase taxes, now is absolutely not the right time to give raises to politicians.

What's worse, this process completely circumvented the voices of New Yorkers by bypassing the legislature and the very people elected to represent them. Further, I believe this proposal put forth by the pay commission creates a situation that will absolutely encourage lawmakers to become career politicians. For me, this job has always been about the people, not about the paycheck, and I will continue to put the needs of those I represent above all else. I urge the new leadership in Albany to find a way to bring this proposal to a vote before the Legislature so that New Yorkers get a real say in the process."