



Washington State Legislature

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To the Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials:

We are writing to ask the Commission reconvene to reconsider the elected official pay increases scheduled to take effect July 1st.

These are unprecedented times. In the last month, more than 630,000 unemployment insurance claims have been filed, over 99% of which have been private sector employees.

Simply put, the world is greatly changed from a year ago when these scheduled salary increases were put in place. We think the best course of action is for the Commission to recognize this changed reality and reconvene to adjust those increases. It is our recommendation that the Commission revise the schedule to forego all salary increases set to take effect July 1st.

We are all in this together. At a time when so many are unemployed, it makes no sense for elected officials to be granted a raise. The foregoing of scheduled increases would allow the savings to be directed to higher and better priorities of protecting programs for the most needy in our state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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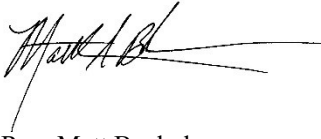
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