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Howard County Council members,

I read that the Compensation Review Commission has recommended that County Council salaries be increased to \$80,000 for members elected during the next election cycle. I do not agree with this recommendation. I strongly believe that the County Council position should be viewed as a part-time job so we continue to have citizen representatives that serve not because of salary but because of their desire to improve our community and serve the public. I know from personal experience that if one has a full time job, there are many challenges in sometimes working 80 hours in a week. However a number of people who served on the Council met this challenge. The fact that Council members have a professional assistant along with other Council support staff make the task manageable.

I think the new salaries for Council members and the County Executive should reflect the current rate of inflation of slightly more than 2% per year, so over the four year term, the salary should increase 8 to 10%. I believe the public would view this increase as reasonable and justifiable.

Thank You
Paul Farragut