



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT E. CRAVEN *District 32*

Committee on Judiciary

Committee on Small Business

July 1, 2014

Rhode Island State House
Joint Committee on Legislative Services
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Declination of Pay Increase

Dear Madam or Sir,

I would like to formally decline the 1.5% pay increase granted to Rhode Island legislators. Given the economic status of our state and everyday struggles felt by Rhode Islanders, I feel that accepting any increase in compensation would be inappropriate.

I would like to note that I am extremely proud of the progress that has been made at the State House throughout the most recent term. Our elimination of the "master lever," removal of the estate tax fiscal cliff, and providing \$6 million in federal funding to local businesses in Quonset are great accomplishments. However, there remains much more to be done to continue improving Rhode Island. As such, I must respectfully decline any pay increase.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Craven