

Testimony of Joyce A Maker before the Joint Standing Committee on
State and Local Government
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In Opposition to LD 775, **An Act Requiring Voter Approval of Legislative and Gubernatorial Pay Increases**

Senator Joseph Baldacci, Representative Suzanne Salisbury and honorable members of the State and Local Government Committee . I am Joyce A. Maker from Calais, Maine. I in opposition of LD 775.

As a prior legislator, I disagree with this bill because of the politics of it. Most do not want to vote on their own raise (and can't because of the constitution) and that is why they make it for the next legislative term and the case of the Governor that position will not get a raise until the new Governor is voted in. It should not be voted by the people because they are a Republican, Democrat or Independent, it should be raised if their salary is below standard like the Governor's pay is now compared to other Governors. "In 2023, US governors' salaries ranged from a low of \$70,000 in Maine to a high of \$250,000 in New York, with most earning at least \$100,000 annually.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

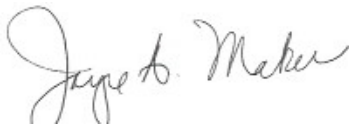
Highest Paid: New York at \$250,000.

Lowest Paid: Maine at \$70,000." https://ballotpedia.org/Comparison_of_gubernatorial_salaries

The main reason I do not agree with voters voting on salaries of either position is mainly because they do not realize the work is done by either positions and do not know their worth. I know the days and hours I put in as a legislator when we were not in session but your still on duty and have obligations and receive no pay.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on such a serious matter. Please vote ought not to pass on all these bill.

Sincerely,



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I will not be zooming in.