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The Honorable Joseph K. Shekarchi
Speaker, Rhode Island House of Representatives

Delivered via email and hand delivery

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I was extremely disappointed to see the Governor follow through with the pay raises to his department directors. I'm speaking with constituents every day about their struggles to financially keep their families afloat, and this is precisely the type of political move that reflects poorly on all of us in government while average Rhode Islanders are suffering.

I am formally asking you to call the House of Representatives into an extraordinary session within 30 days, as the statute dictates (Rhode Island General Law § 36-4-16.4 (d)), so we may vote on whether or not to reject these raises.

Now is the time for a responsible approach to in this matter and I hope you are in agreement that we need to address this immediately.

Respectfully,

Michael W. Chippendale