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Raises for the Same Work?

There is one word that we all dread. Taxes. We understand that we all want to have safe roads to drive on, our schools funded and our communities protected. But there is often one aspect of where our money goes that we forget about. Paying government workers is a necessary aspect of ensuring our state runs smoothly. But at what point is it too much?

I was extremely disappointed to discover the amount of money that Governor Evers has given in raises to his cabinet secretaries this year. These people are doing the exact same job as years previously. It is unacceptable how these raises have been justified. According to the Census Bureau, the average Wisconsin household income was \$56,759 from 2013 to 2017. The Secretary of the Department of Administration is making \$152,755 a year, compared to \$127,546 last year, which in itself is extremely high.

The out of control spending that has been happening recently is shocking. These dollars are not simply given to us to throw around. The money comes from hard-working Wisconsinites all over the state that wake up early, go to work and come home to enjoy time with their families. We do not work for the State, the State works for us. With this understanding, it allows us to use this money wisely and to not keep taking it for personal gain.

This session, I will continue to represent the interests of the people of the 92nd district and vote to protect these tax dollars from frivolous spending measures. While there will be things that do indeed need funding, raises for doing the same job as before is not one of those things.

These raises can be seen and compared at the link below:

http://www.maciverinstitute.com/2019/02/evers-cabinet-secretaries-get-double-digit-raises/?fbclid=IwAR1J9rnJN1timU16rMv8vE2x_gaLf41b-dX9fAny_qg7dgCDvYoLe3w4nM8

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