



TIM GRIFFIN
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

June 26, 2017

Independent Citizens Commission
State Capitol Building
500 Woodlane Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Chairman Ross, Vice-Chairman Banks, and Members of the Independent Citizens Commission:

Thank you for your hard work and deliberation as members of the Independent Citizens Commission. I appreciate the opportunity to offer my perspective regarding the proposed two percent salary increase for the position of lieutenant governor. I recognize that the salary has not been increased since before I took office. Nonetheless, I oppose the proposed salary increase for the position of lieutenant governor.

Since taking office as lieutenant governor in 2015, I have worked hard to do more with less. I have reduced my office budget by over fifteen percent and reduced the number of staff in my office from four to two. Despite the challenges that come with belt tightening, I believe it is important to demonstrate respect for taxpayer dollars, and it is the right thing to do. At a time when the state budget is tight and hardworking Arkansans need tax relief, a salary increase for me is neither a priority nor appropriate. As a result, I respectfully ask that the Independent Citizens Commission not raise the lieutenant governor's salary. If my salary is increased, I will respectfully decline.

Again, thank you for your service. I greatly appreciate it. Please do not hesitate to call me on my cell phone at (501) 837-5190 if I can ever be of service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Tim Griffin", written over a blue horizontal line.

Tim Griffin
Lieutenant Governor