

## Don't hold these workers hostage to pay squabble

The following was sent to State Sen. John J. Marchi:

"I am writing on behalf of the 285 Management Confidential employees who reside in your district and whose salary increases are being held up by the failure of the Senate and Assembly to pass the same M/C Pay Bill. We need your proven leadership to resolve the deadlock to pass the M/C Pay Bill and urge that it be done when the Senate returns to Albany ...

"Dedicated M/C employees and their families are angry and upset about the lengthy delay in authorizing their promised salary increase. It is not only unfair, but it is also seriously detrimental to the morale of the M/C workforce when they worry if and when their salary increase will be forthcoming.

"We know that the Assembly passed A12050 on Aug. 24. We understand that the Senate disagrees with the inclusion of commissioner's salary increases in this bill. While we wholeheartedly support deserved increases for commissioners and agree that there is logic in the governor's position that they should be included because of salary relationships, we adamantly oppose 15,000 M/C employees being held hostage because certain senators disagree. ..."

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