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El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
300 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

RE: Elimination of Bonuses for Elected Officials

November 15, 2013

Chairman Briggs, and Supervisors Mikulaco, Nutting, Santiago, and Veerkamp:

We were shocked to learn that El Dorado County has been paying bonuses to certain Elected Officials for reasons completely unrelated to their job performance. These bonuses include both "length of service" and "professional development". While we approve of the original intent of these bonuses, to help our County Government retain valuable civil service employees, we believe that Elected Officials should never have been paid these bonuses, and should be made to return this money back to the County.

This entire process of unwarranted bonus pay is unfair to hardworking taxpayers. Why should Jane and Joe Taxpayer foot the bill for non-performance bonuses, even as they are trying to keep their own households afloat?

It should be obvious to you as elected representatives, just as it is to the public, that paying elected officials who hold office without term-limits an extra bonus for getting re-elected - or for simply meeting the qualifications our State Government requires them to have already earned to be eligible hold their office - is not a clean government practice.

Allowing greedy politicians who were elected to important watchdog offices such as the Auditor-Controller, Tax Collector, or District Attorney, etc. to continue collecting extra money without a performance link is a form of corruption, and must be stopped. It is time the Board of Supervisors ends our local City of Bell-like scandal.

We strongly urge you to end this abusive scandal and eliminate the corrupt practice of paying these non-performance bonuses to elected officials – and get the money back.

Thank you for addressing this serious problem.



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## CALIFORNIA TAXPAYER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

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November 14, 2013

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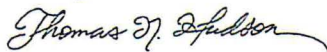
It has come to our attention that the El Dorado County has been paying bonuses for both length of service and professional development to certain elected officials. It is our understanding that these bonuses were originally intended to help El Dorado County retain valuable civil service employees in order to provide the highest level of service. Extending these payments to elected officials makes no sense.

In our view, elected officials should not be paid for possessing the qualifications that are required for them to hold the offices to which they were elected. Paying elected officials bonuses because they were successfully re-elected makes even less sense. We find it scandalous that persons elected to public "watchdog" positions such as District Attorney, Auditor-Controller, or Tax Collector would take advantage of this program.

On behalf of El Dorado County taxpayers, we strongly urge you to end the abusive practice of paying bonuses to elected officials.

Thank you for addressing this important issue.

Best regards,



Tom Hudson, Executive Director & Treasurer  
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## Fwd: Board salaries (Item 3 legistar 13-1409)

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 To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Nov 18, 2013 at 10:34 AM

**Cindy Munt**

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From: **Lindell Price** <lindellprice@gmail.com>  
 Date: Mon, Nov 18, 2013 at 8:10 AM  
 Subject: Board salaries (Item 3 legistar 13-1409)  
 To: Ron Mikulaco <bosone@edcgov.us>

Dear Supervisor Mikulaco,

Please do not allow the salaries of our Board of Supervisors to be degraded over time relative to the salaries of our elected department heads (Item 3 on today's Board agenda). We need salaries that enable all good candidates to run for all our elected positions, and to devote sufficient time and energy to their work for our County. If the salaries of elected department heads rise disproportionately compared with the salaries of our Board of Supervisors, we will weaken our Board of Supervisors. Salaries for all our elected officials need to be very adequate, but not excessive.

*Lindell Price*  
*District 2 constituent*  
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Dear Chairman Briggs and Supervisors Mikulaco, Nutting, Santiago, and Veerkamp:

The National Tax Limitation Committee strongly believes the role of elected officials is to serve their constituents, not become a burden on them. The recently revealed practice of paying bonuses to elected county officials is outrageous.

We strongly urge you to end this clandestine waste of taxpayer money and look forward to your decision to support taxpayers.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lewis K. Uhler", is written over the typed name and title.

Lewis K. Uhler  
President, National Tax Limitation Committee



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