

Eighty percent of people nationwide do not agree that Congressional representatives, like Nancy Johnson, deserve the \$35,000 pay raises they began collecting last February. I have a petition with 430 signatures which demands that our legislators repeal the most recent pay raise. I have sent a copy to Nancy Johnson and Joe Lieberman, both of whom voted in favor of recent pay raises.

Nancy Johnson and Joe Lieberman must feel comfortable enough with their constituencies to vote themselves pay raises. Since Senator Lieberman is not up for re-election, he probably feels even less remorse for his greedy vote. As voters from Nancy Johnson's district, we should be disgusted by the notion that she views herself as unchallengeable. Voters, however, have the final say and should be happy to know that she is up for reelection in 1992, a year when all incumbents will be struggling for a win.

A leader who has no ear to the citizenry is not leading, but ruling. A leader who votes herself a \$35,000 raise when programs affecting us all are being cut is not acting on the behalf of citizens, but acting on her own behalf.

Citizens must evaluate the performance of Congress and the vice-president and determine whether we can afford, and they deserve, the raises they gave themselves, and then vote accordingly.

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