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MR CHAIRMAN,
MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

MY NAME IS JOE JOHNSON - I AM THE
HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSESSOR AND PRESIDENT
OF THE ASSESSOR'S ASSOCIATION.

I AM NOT HERE TO SPEAK TO THE AMOUNT
OF INCREASE - AS WE HAVE LITTLE TO DO
WITH THE PAY SCALE. I AM HERE SPEAKING
TO THE FACT THAT EVERYONE IS AWARE OF -
IT'S NEARING 8 YEARS SINCE WE HAVE HAD
A RAISE. I HAVE HEARD IT SAID WE ALL
KNOW WHAT THE PAY WAS WHEN WE TOOK
OFFICE - AND THAT'S TRUE. BUT WHAT EMPLOYEE
OR DEPT HEAD TAKES A POSITION - KNOWING
THE STARTING PAY AND EXPECTS TO NEVER
SEE A RAISE? MANY OFFICES HAVE ELECTED
OFFICIALS WITH THEIR EMPLOYEES MAKING
MORE THAN THEM. MY OFFICE IS ONE OF
THEM. IN FACT, ONE DEPUTY MAKES SEVERAL
THOUSAND DOLLARS THAN ME, ANOTHER WHO
HAS ONLY WORKED IN THE COUNTY A YEAR
OR SO LONGER THAN ME - MAKES A COUPLE
HUNDRED DOLLAR LESS A YEAR. RARELY
IN ANY BUSINESS DOES AN EMPLOYEE
MAKE MORE THAN THE BOSS. THANK YOU
FOR YOUR TIME.