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Walton County Board of Commissioners 111 South Broad Street Monroe, Georgia 30655

Attn: Chairman David Thompson

RE: BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEMBERS PAY INCREASE

Chairman Thompson:

I am writing you today to request a pay increase for the Board of Equalization Members. The members currently are paid \$80 per day and the Chairman is paid \$90 per day. I'm asking for an increase for Members from \$80 to \$120 per day and from \$90 to \$130 per day for the Chairman. They serve Walton County in a very important capacity and have not received a pay increase since the year 2002. They are normally paid during one pay period per month; each serving different days and during the peak time of assessment appeals they will serve more.

These members play a very vital role in our tax assessment appeals process and are appointed by the Grand Jury (each member serves a three year term). They also have to be qualified and attend training meetings each year. Each member has to fulfill mandatory education requirements training in appraisal and equalization procedures prepared and required by the commissioner of the Georgia Department of Revenue.

The Board of Equalization is based on the principal of an independent, fair, competent and impartial body for the handling of appeals on real property, personal property, conservation, exemption and homestead exemption for the various interested parties of Walton County, Georgia. The Board of Equalization's role is central to the citizens of Walton County, Georgia in exercising and dispensing fairness in determining issues presented to the Board of Equalization.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Laren P. David

Clerk of Walton Superior Court

