

Gerard J. Bowen Jr. Denounces Tripling of State
Legislature's Pay

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Gerard J. Bowen Jr. Sends Open Letter to State Legislatures

Gerard John Bowen Jr, Republican candidate for the La. Congressional District 4 race, took a stand for Louisiana's citizens last night by sending an e-mail to every sitting member of the Louisiana legislature, denouncing the bill to increase their own pay by triple. The text of the letter follows:

Hello,

My name is Gerard Bowen Jr. I am running for US House in Dist 4. But that is not why I'm writing today. I am writing to encourage you to stand against the bill that would triple your salary. A few weeks ago you had a chance to eliminate Louisiana's state income taxes, which could have been beneficial to Louisiana for several reasons, some of which include:

- 1. States which don't have state income taxes (Florida, Texas, Nevada) are among the wealthiest in the nation.*
- 2. It would have been a big incentive in attracting businesses to Louisiana.*
- 3. More money in the pocket of Louisiana's citizens would mean more money to spend, and therefore more sales taxes to the state.*
- 4. A lot of the cost in eliminating state income tax would have been offset by increased revenues generated from #s 2 & 3 above*

This opportunity has been reduced to a tax break of \$500.00 per person which won't take effect until 2009. Let me get this straight. You have a billion dollar surplus, more surpluses projected for the future, you think it is unwise to return it to the people who gave it to you, yet you can spend it to line your own pockets by tripling your salary. Oh, and YOUR raise would take effect THIS YEAR! Do I really have to point out the absurd hypocrisy in this? If their aren't enough state legislatures with the courage to stand up for Louisiana's citizens better than this, maybe we DO need to raise the salary to attract candidates, with courage, honor, and integrity, to replace you.

*On behalf of Louisiana's citizens,
Gerard J. Bowen Jr.
La. Dist 4 Candidate*

More information about Gerard and his candidacy can be found at his Official Campaign Web Page <http://www.ElectBowenJr.com>

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Pronunciation:
Gerard (JER-ad)