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The NYS Senate Judiciary Committee is meeting to decide on a \$59K raise for 1200 New York State Judges. Really???

How about reducing that amount enough to rehire some of the employees who were recently laid off? Having retired from the Ninth Judicial District in NYS, I'm well aware that these judges make a more than decent salary and should be well able to forego a large salary increase in the interest of fairness and compassion for those who are not as fortunate as they and are struggling in these tough economic times.

When the State budgets salaries, it should affect everyone, not hurt some to enrich others.

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