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SENATOR MICHAEL O. MOORE TO REFUSE PAY INCREASE

Boston- State Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) has refused a 5.5% pay increase, which would have lifted his base annual pay from \$58,237 to \$61,440, an increase of just over \$3,200. Senator Moore has refused the proposed pay hike which had originally been designed to take the politics out of legislative pay raises. As of 1998, legislative pay raises were put in the hands of the public when it was voted that pay raises would be linked to and dependent upon the median household income in Massachusetts.

“This topic could not have come up at a more inappropriate time given the state’s current fiscal climate. I could not in good conscience accept a pay raise whether it was originally voted on by the public or not,” said Moore. The annual Legislative pay hike is dependent upon a Gubernatorial decision based upon the median household income which Governor Patrick determined would be 5.5%. “Regardless of the state’s economic climate, I could not accept a pay raise my first day on the job.”