The Hon. Herbert H. Lehman  
Governor of New York  
Albany  
New York  

My dear Governor Lehman  

I wish to offer you my congratulations and thanks for your vigorous and unanswerable argument in refusing to approve recent legislation imposing compulsory obligations upon the tax-payers of this city through statutory increases in the salaries of various municipal officials.

It is largely due to the unwise and indefensible practice of the Legislature in this respect that the city of New York has lost control of a large part of its own budget expenditures. Every principle of sound government has been violated by this legislation. It is time not only that the practice be stopped, but that the remainder of the legislation of this sort now upon the statute books be repealed. We tax-payers in the city of New York
have been imposed upon for years past by well organized and persistent self-seeking lobbies who have turned to the Legislature which should have no part in the matter whatever, for the fixing of their compensation as office-holders in the government of the city of New York.

You have stood for sound principles of local self government in writing this veto, and I trust that your argument will be as effective with the Legislature as it is with public opinion.

Very truly yours,

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