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Please accept this as testimony for the Aug. 17 meeting.

We elect legislators to do the business of government, to draft and pass bills, not for their offices to serve as a money trough for their family members, as has been done in the past. Immediate family members should not be on the legislators' payrolls. If they are qualified to work for legislators, there are 75 other legislators who can employ them.

The House and Senate should prohibit their members from hiring their family members. Of course, the family members can be unpaid volunteers, just not paid staff.

There is no place for nepotism in government, be it the legislature, the county councils, the mayors, the governor, the lieutenant governor, or the departments.

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