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As a citizen of Luzerne County- let me just say I'm infuriated to hear that you are considering raising taxes AGAIN to give raises to your employees!! My husband and I both work full time. I myself have a masters degree but add inflation, huge increases in utilities and child care costs, we barely have enough left over to make ends meet.

You wonder why the county is aging? anyone who can leave is leaving- including us if things don't turn around in the very near future. You do realize that the rest of the world isn't getting raises and are seeing their insurance premiums increase right???? So if you need to obtain funds from somewhere maybe try looking at your county employees and stop taxing the citizens to pay for big raises and for them to have little contributions toward their healthcare.

It's time county, state and federal employees have to sacrifice a little too. They can certainly afford to sacrifice a bit so the rest of us can get by.

Signed CONCERNED CITIZEN

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