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Please be advised that the following message was sent to the media earlier today:

Statement on Behalf of Speaker Heastie

There have been attempts to politicize the work of the Compensation Commission, so the Speaker issued a lengthy statement this week regarding the need for a pay raise based on economic factors. That was the criteria that used last year in considering the compensation structure for judges. Earlier this month, the Governor's budget director wrote a letter to the Commission to explain the need for a pay raise for Commissioners. That said, the Speaker will offer a similar letter to the Commission expanding on his statement and outlining the economic necessity of a pay raise. The Governor's letter seemed to be sufficient, and there were no calls for the Governor or his Commissioners to testify. We expect that the Speaker's letter will also suffice, as we should be holding everyone to the same standard.