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Why not cut salaries, keep representation?

Kudos to Kevin Gaughan and his army of volunteers for finally bringing the voice of the voter to government. I only hope this movement will continue to resonate throughout all of Western New York. But, as much as I am a proponent of downsizing and consolidation, I can still understand the problem of putting too much power in too few hands. And if downsizing is only being done to save money, I think there is a better solution.

Why not cut salaries, not representation? For example, if the Erie County legislators would take a 50 percent pay cut, eliminate or consolidate local offices and reject health care, there would be no need to downsize. Actually, the money saved would more than double the amount saved by eliminating four representatives.

It's a simple solution, and one that could be used throughout the area. The only problem is that those elected would have to step up and take the cut —something very unlikely.

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