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Hill Dems Push Huge Pay Raise For Bureaucrats

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Five congressional Democrats are pushing a 5.3 percent pay raise for federal employees who are already making considerably more every year than most individual Americans.

The five include both of Maryland's senators, Barbara Mikulski and Ben Cardin, Sen. Brian Schatz of Hawaii, Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio and Rep. Gerry Connolly of Virginia, according to FedSmith.com.

The 5.3 percent pay raise proposal matches what the [American Federation of Government Employees](#), the federal government's largest employee union, claims is owed for government workers to catch up on cost-of-living increases during President Barack Obama's administration.

Obama has proposed only a 1.6 percent increase in his 2017 budget proposal.

The average individual federal employee salary in 2014 was \$84,154, according to data compiled by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis [and analyzed](#) by Chris Edwards of the Cato Institute. The average federal employee also receives \$35,781 in benefits.

The average private sector employee makes \$56,350.