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So now we must disclose the ratio –
Political a thing this surely be –
Of worker pay to that of CEO.
We mustn't let the average worker see
How much her pay is trailing that of those
Who sit atop this global company!
What can we do to make the number close
To our competitors'? The rule's not tight,
But there's a lot we'd rather not disclose
About our median employee's plight.
What sampling techniques can we use? It's worth
The effort spent in getting this just right.
How might we move the middle paycheck north
Without (of course!) reducing pay for us?
Some paltry-paying jobs – let's send them forth
To other lands or firms where they won't fuss
About a part-time job with tiny pay.
Removing low-paid jobs creates bias
That helps us say what we would like to say.
Though not intended by Dodd-Frank at all,
What's measured, not what's wanted, rules the day.
Like so we'll answer Congress at its call,
And show we're not so greedy after all.

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