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## Protest of Proposed Water Rate Increase

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed water rate increase. This increase will place a significant financial burden on myself and many other residents in our community.

### Reasons for Protest:

- **Financial Hardship:** My income fluctuates and I cannot afford to pay an increase of 20%. Many in my neighborhood are on fixed incomes and cannot afford this price hike.
- **Lack of Justification:** We already have the burden of an extra \$100 a month for each resident that they can't change. This base of \$100 does nothing for our quality of water. Our pipes are eroded and our appliances are stripped by the poor quality of water and lack of infrastructure improvement.
- **Alternative Solutions:** Get a grant. Sell the company to City of Austin utilities. We do not want private companies to own our water systems!
- **Impact on Essential Service:** Water is a necessity, not a luxury. We should not have private water companies like yours. Work with the City of Austin Utilities and stop raising our rates.

### Request for Action:

- I urge the Board of Directors to reconsider this proposed rate increase.
- I implore you to explore alternative solutions that will not place such a heavy burden on the community.

Thank you for considering my protest. I look forward to a fair and just resolution to this matter.