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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Wimberley, Texas, to express my strong opposition to the proposed Aqua Texas rate increase.

My family of four already pays an average of \$259 per month, despite actively conserving water. This amount is unaffordable for many families in our area, especially those on fixed incomes or with children. The proposed hike would place an even greater financial burden on our community and severely impact our local quality of life.

Wimberley is a small, rural town with many residents who prioritize environmental stewardship. Families here are not wasteful with water—we use it wisely, especially given our area's history of drought and fragile aquifer systems. Despite our conservation efforts, we are being punished with rates far exceeding those in nearby cities.

This rate hike feels excessive and unfair. It will make it harder for families to stay in their homes, especially in an economic climate where costs for essentials like housing, food, and electricity are already rising. Many of our neighbors are retirees, teachers, small business owners, and working-class families who simply cannot absorb yet another major monthly cost increase.

We urge the Commission to reject Aqua Texas's proposed rate increase and instead require a more transparent and equitable system that rewards conservation and respects the economic diversity of rural communities like Wimberley.

Thank you for your time and for considering the impact this rate increase will have on real families.