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I am writing this letter to let whoever decides rates to know that I am highly upset that Aqua Ohio is trying to increase our rates so drastically at one time. Are they crazy? Did they wake up one morning and bump their heads? Raising our rates 80% ALL AT ONCE is insane! How do they expect us to pay this much of an increase? I don't even want to hear their side of the story either. NOTHING justifies raising rates 80% at one time. I don't care if they haven't raised rates in 100 years, you just don't do an 80% increase at once. The people on the downhill side of Stewart-Sharon Rd. are already going to be paying an extra surcharge on our water bills as it is because of a new sewer installation. Most of the people on this street are old, poor or on unemployment right now. Me personally am thinking about applying for WELFARE for the first time in my life. I wouldn't be so upset if they raised our prices by 10% or something but this is just outrageous. It's not our faults that they haven't kept their rates in line with whatever capital improvements they've done to the water system. That is THEIR fault for not keeping track of what they are doing. I don't think the moron working for Aqua Ohio would appreciate his house mortgage going up 80% at once so how the heck does this person expect us to just take this ridiculous increase sitting down? I, for one, am not taking this sitting down. Please consider this letter when turning down Aqua Ohio's insane price increase that the people of this area cannot afford. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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