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Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a resident of Huber Ridge I am writing to express my concern about the rate increase requested by the Ohio American Water Company ("OAWC"). It has come to my understanding that OAWC has requested a 31.86% increase. This sounds excessive to say the least to just plain greedy taken to its worse extreme.

I understand that companies are in business to make money and I do not begrudge any business the right to do just that. This is America and capitalism is a part of our system. However, where does profit end and greed begin? The American people are at the mercy of foreign nations for its fuel and many of its consumable products. Water, Gas and Electricity appear to be a few of the resources that America still has some control over.

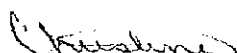
From what I remember the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO"), is the board that was put in place to protect the people of Ohio from being gouged on the prices that we pay for Water, Gas and Electricity. Companies like OAWC need to come before the PUCO to get approval of the rates they charge their customers. I employ you as the gatekeeper to provide that protection to the customers that would be adversely affected by this increase.

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It just seems as though what I had always believed the PUCO had been put in place to do is no longer the case. The process of having these companies submit their requests for rate increases to the PUCO is merely a formality that just adds another level to a process that ultimately ends with the companies being granted an approval. As I close, I just have one question, does the PUCO ever tell any of these companies no?

Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,



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