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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed rate hike by Limestone Water. Since purchasing my property three years ago, the water quality has been consistently poor. I was forced to install a \$2,200 filtration system just to make the water drinkable.

The proposed rate increases—averaging 515% for water and 445% for sewer—are absolutely excessive and unreasonable. For comparison, in Shelby County, the water quality is significantly better, and I pay less than \$100 per month for water, sewer, and sanitation services in Bartlett, where I reside full-time. If this proposal goes through, I will be paying 2.5 times that amount for a summer home that barely uses water or sewer services.

At the meeting, no clear justification was given for such an extreme rate hike, making it difficult to understand the necessity of these increases. There is no valid reason for these prices, and they seem to be an unfair burden on consumers.

While I understand that occasional rate increases may be necessary—perhaps in the range of 10%, 15%, or even 25%—a hike of 400% to 500% is simply unacceptable and feels like an attempt to take advantage of customers.

I urge you to reject this proposal. No one should be required to pay over \$100 a month for water and sewer services under these circumstances.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Jim Drago

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