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As a customer of HAWC and a resident of Atkinson, NH, we are writing to ask that the water rate increase submitted by HAWC be denied. As retirees, this increase would represent an unacceptable financial burden on us. We respectfully ask that you intervene on our behalf and stop this rate increase from happening. One of the reasons we moved to Atkinson was due to the lower than average tax rate. The passing of the HAWC's request for rate increases will result in the town's budget increasing by almost \$100,000 (1.8%) which will mean an increase in our taxes (goodbye to an affordable town). Additionally, as a customer of HAWC, my water bill will increase by 52%. Again, as retirees, this is just not feasible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

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