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Hello.

My names Courtney Clark and I'm a resident of Salem (NH). I'm 28 years old, work full-time and have no kids. My husband, also works full-time. We rent a tiny apartment for almost \$2,000. We are grateful for a roof over our heads. But when I say, we live pay-check to pay-check, that's the honest truth. Both of our jobs you'd think we'd be ok - we can barely afford a grocery bill every two weeks. I can't afford to go every week, so I stretch it. Also, we are ineligible for ZERO assistance because "we make too much."

Our current monthly electricity bill ranges from \$120-\$150 (depending on if the AC is used). Yes, AC is a luxury but not when you live on the 3rd floor of a building where inside reaches 90+ degrees during the summer.

Another increase would hurt us further. We're barely making it now. BARELY. The increase would make everything extremely difficult. Will I be able to afford food? Will I be able to pay for our insurance? Will I be able to afford gas to get to work; Is it worth it to go to work or leave my job?

I'd be happy to come in and let Liberty know the struggles and stress that my husband and I have on a month to month basis due to rising costs, in literally everything. But again, we make too much for assistance. This increase is ridiculous - the revenue is absolutely disgusting while myself and I'm sure others are struggling. \$15 isn't a lot of money to some, but for others it's gas, food, necessities.

Thanks.  
Courtney