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Dear Commissioners:

We are residents of Anthem, and we are writing regarding the proposed water rate increase. We are requesting your consideration in understanding that we already pay very high water rates.

My husband and I live alone, we are retired. We pay about \$150.00 per month for water alone. We know this is very high, for two people, no pool, very little laundry, and very limited vegetation around our home. We moved here from Las Cruces, NM, less than a year ago. We wish we had known about the water rates before we decided to buy here. And, if we had known that the increased rates were proposed, we surely would not have selected a home in Anthem. We were so close to buying in other areas of Phoenix, and now we wish we had made a different decision.

With increased water rates will we have to budget tighter and spend less money in the Anthem community. For us it means, not eating out, limiting our groceries, and forgetting about the bougainvilleas we wanted in our yard.

The Anthem community, as you know, has been significantly affected by the mortgage crisis and the poor economy. Homes are for sale everywhere in this community, not to mention foreclosures. This is a terrible time for so many. Increased water rates will put the 'final nail in the coffin' for so many families, especially young families, already struggling with association fees, etc. Also, the current administration warns of tax increases.

Please do not raise the water rates! Don't know how else to ask you, but this way.

Sincerely Concerned,

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