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Dear Commissioner Pierce,

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I am contacting you regarding my concern for the proposed water rate increases in Anthem, AZ by AZ Water. I have just moved to AZ and selected Anthem for its stability in this unstable housing market and the fact that even though foreclosures and short sales exist here - there are more houses for resale that are not and these houses sell quickly because of what the community has to offer. It is a lovely neighborhood with desert plants, shrubs, trees. The golf course was our main attraction along with the community pool and the Anthem Country Club pool facility. It is not cheap living here but this water rate increase is going to be more than just an astronomical monthly bill - it is going to hit our monthly golf and HOA dues. A golf club has to have water and we are going to be directly hit with that increase. It is a two edge sword for the HOA - if we don't keep up the landscape - property values go down - if we keep it up ant the HOA dues are too high people won't find this area desirable, those already stressed will foreclose or walk away and the property values plummet again.

Jobs will be lost all over the community ---- have we not heard the politicians all saying they are working to turn the economy through job creation. I will not vote for any of the commissioners currently elected the next time around if they can not understand the consequences of AZ Water's proposed increase. For example - who needs a landscaper when we cut back on plants and scrubs, who needs to sell supplies, make repairs and maintain pools when property owners can no longer afford the water to keep them full. Why live in AZ at all if you can not have access to a pool? Incomes are not rising and doubling a payment for water will reduce expenditures on entertainment from restaurants, movies, cable, etc. etc. and again more jobs and more burden on our government, resulting in move taxes etc. etc. etc. We need Jobs - we need to get money flowing - don't let this happen.

Certainly we all understand businesses need to make money and cover costs. But AZ Water is a large corporations and have the means to stay profitable without attacking a small number of their customers in a small community.

Again, I just moved to the Anthem Country Club community. If is a beautiful, peaceful place to live. We just retired and have a fixed income and since we want to Golf until we are too old to move - we chose this area. We thought we got the most for our money. We sold a home in Florida in May at a loss (as most have) to move out here. Now I am concerned we have made the wrong decision and if this community deteriorates - if the amenities become too expensive and we have to golf elsewhere due to cost - then we have no reason to stay here.

Please support the members of this community and oppose the rate increase. This is not the time to hit so many and suffer more job loss. We all are concerned about tax increases, Obama care and all the effects on individuals and business growth and the uncertainty of this water rate increase is a large load on everyones mind. Would you move to a community where they pay twice as much in utilities and water bills - if you could live 10 miles closer to the city and pay less? This is a simple decision - please do what is right.