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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing you today to encourage you to deny Kentucky American Water's request for an increase in their rates. Now is simply not the time to be raising rates on consumers who are already stretched thin, especially when Kentucky American Water has more than enough funds to hold off on raising rates for another year or so. I, on the other hand, do not. I am a state employee and state employees are not getting a raise this year..

I have also noticed that Kentucky resident's pay far more for their water than some other states. I lived in California for 24 years and my water bill there was less than it is here and California is continuously in a drought! How can Kentucky water be so expensive when there is more than ample water to go around?

The real problem is that they are greedy and do not want to take a loss. Their executives want to be able to keep giving themselves raises at the expense of their customer's. A nearly \$10.00 increase is a serious financial hardship to those of us who make average wages. I am a responsible person, with a salary in the low \$30k and have minimal expenses but I'm still barely able to get by. With the high gas prices, increase in electric rates, increase in food, etc. I simply can't afford to spend another \$10.00 if my income is not going up. I know there thousands of other KAW customers who will tell you the same thing. The funny part is when I was unemployed and needed assistance in paying my bill did they help me? No. They told me they don't offer assistance. Why should I pay them more money when they don't help their customers who need it? Please consider my request and deny Kentucky American Water's request for a rate increase.

Thank you for your time,



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