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**Subject:** Strong Opposition to Proposed Water Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my **strong opposition** to the proposed water rate increase of 187% scheduled to take effect on 8-4-2026. While I understand the need for maintaining and improving our water infrastructure, this proposed hike is **excessive, untimely, and burdensome** for residents.

Many households in our community are already struggling with rising costs for essentials such as food, housing, and energy. Adding a significant increase to water bills—an unavoidable necessity—will place an **unfair financial strain** on families, seniors on fixed incomes..

Furthermore, the justification provided for this increase lacks sufficient transparency.

Ratepayers deserve a **clear, itemized explanation** of how current funds are being allocated, what cost-saving measures have been explored, and why alternative funding sources are not being prioritized before turning to residents for more money.

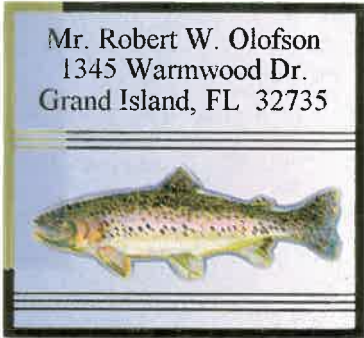
Water is not a luxury—it is a **basic human need**. I urge you to **reject or substantially reduce** this proposed increase and instead work with the community to find fair, sustainable solutions that do not disproportionately impact those least able to afford them. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust you will consider the voices of the people you serve before making a final decision.

Sincerely,



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