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Subject: FW: Proposed rate increase/sewer

From: _____
Date: March 17, 2015 at 12:32:57 PM MST
To: Ally miller < _____>
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Dear Ms. Miller:

We received notice of a proposal to increase existing sewer fees that will increase 4% per year for the next three (3) years.

We are completely opposed to this increase which is effectively much higher when you factor in compounding.

We have owned our house for just over 35 years and have never seen such high water/sewer rates. I don't entirely understand why sewer rates are even based on water usage. We have a pool and a lawn and water usage for either (which is SUBSTANTIAL in the summer) contributes zero to the sewer.

I pulled our last water bill and noted that the sewer rate is actually higher than water. Really?

We take 2 showers a day and once a week dishwasher and laundry. We flush every other time unless absolutely necessary and have converted toilets to low flow. On top of that we are gone every other weekend. We capture melted ice, water from boiled eggs, roof runoff and cooler water for use in plants, compost and making block ice. We never leave water running to brush teeth or wash. Water conservation is huge.

My raise last year was 1.5% - I'll be lucky to get the same this year and this rate increase is over double that. And that is not taking into account higher grocery prices, health care costs and other rate increases on the horizon.

Please do what you can to block this absurd increase. Thank you, Sue Sledge

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