

To whom it may concern,

As per recent events, I am writing to shed light on the real lives this price hike will affect and the consequences that are sure to come. I don't doubt that I am not the only unhappy resident to learn of the future inflation, nor will I be the last to address it to this committee. However, I hope my voice will reach someone. This price hike cannot happen. It's immoral and it's downright predatory. We understand inflation must happen, and the initial price change was justified, but a 206% price surge on our WATER bill, a necessary utility that we cannot avoid using, is excessive.

For perspective, my spouse, small cat, and I live in a small 1-bedroom 1-bath condo. We spend the majority of our day at work, making the chances of us using our water slim. In turn, our bill before the price surge was about \$20, and after the first price change, it became \$40, which was considered acceptable and just a sign of the times. The office justified it to the residents as a necessary evil and gave us the comparison of all the other water rates outside of the Grenelefe community as consolation. Now, as every other resident, I am horrified to know that they are quietly trying to make that same \$40 bill into a \$122 bill. What's truly horrifying is seeing this gross display of greed affecting my neighbors and friends. One of which is a friend who lives alone and just manages to squeeze by every month with a small savings account where she puts any extra money, or my neighbor who has a small nuclear family with a husband who works hard to provide and a wife who dedicates her days to school to pursue her dreams. Or my other neighbor, who is in her retirement years and is just trying to live a quiet and quaint life, as she deserves. These are real people.

We simply can't afford a change like this, nor should we be expected to. We aren't rich, and while these prices may not seem like much to people who deal with millions daily, it's detrimental to us. Please put a stop to yet another greedy landlord who is taking advantage of people who are just trying to live one day at a time.

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