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DISTRICT XXIV
Towns of Dover
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Honorable Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary to the Commission
NYS Public Service Commission
Empire State Plaza Agency Building 3
Albany, NY 12223-1350

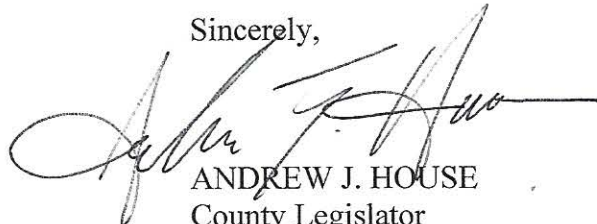
Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Dutchess County Legislature, approximately 300 residences and 40 businesses in the Dover Plains Hamlet, I believe a 68% rate increase and \$30 quarterly surcharge proposed by the Dover Plains Water Company would impose untenable strain on my constituents.

As a resident and business owner in the hamlet of Dover Plains, I see the day to day struggles of our community firsthand as we navigate our way through the economic recovery of the Covid-19 pandemic. This level of increase will cause severe financial burdens to our community comprised mostly of seniors on fixed incomes, young families, immigrants, and small businesses.

I oppose the current proposal (rate increase and annual surcharge) as presented by the Dover Plains Water Company. If the owners of the water company wish, I would be glad to meet with them to help facilitate a more equitable resolution of this matter.

Sincerely,



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