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Hi Mayor and Council,

As a resident of Wilmot, I am deeply troubled by the Township's current financial predicament and the factors that have led to this situation.

In particular, I am alarmed by the proposed 50.8% tax increase, which I believe to be unacceptably high and unsustainable.

It is imperative that Council takes immediate and decisive action to address this issue by:

- Conducting a thorough review of the existing budget to identify areas where expenditures can be reduced and the proposed tax increase can be lowered;
- Scrutinizing how decisions are made and critically evaluating the advice and information provided by staff, particularly the CAO, who bears the responsibility of ensuring Council has access to the necessary information to make informed and prudent decisions;
- Revisiting the screening and hiring process for the CAO to ensure it clearly defines the role of the CAO in relation to the Mayor and Council;
- Engaging a municipal finance expert to perform a comprehensive audit, identify any deficiencies in financial protocols, and recommend best practices to prevent similar financial challenges in the future.

The residents of Wilmot deserve responsible governance and transparency. I urge Council to prioritize these measures for the long-term stability of our community.

Sincerely,

Steve Manz