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To the Attention of the Wilmot Township Council,

As a resident of Wilmot, I am concerned about the current financial dilemma of the Township and the reasons why it has arrived at this position, and particularly concerned about the irresponsibly high proposed 50.8% tax increase. While I realize that the problems have been caused by serious mismanagement over many years by previous Councils, this Council has now been left with the problem of fixing the problem. I believe Council needs to:

- review the existing budget to reduce expenditures and lower the proposed tax increase;
- look very carefully at how decisions are made and at the advice and information provided by staff, **especially the CAO** whose job it is to make available all the information required for the Council to make sound decisions;
- ensure the screening process for hiring the CAO is appropriate and clarifies the role of the CAO vis a vis the Mayor and Council;
- hire a municipal finance expert to conduct a complete audit to identify finance protocol concerns and recommend best practices to be implemented to avoid future financial dilemmas.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cathy Grant

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