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Wilmot Township Council

Dear Council Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you as a fourth-generation resident of Wilmot, currently settled in [REDACTED] after living in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] over the past [REDACTED] years. I have always been proud to call this area my home, and it is for this reason that I feel compelled to share my concerns regarding several significant issues currently affecting the community.

For the first time, I am reaching out to express my concerns about the decisions being made, as they will have a long-term impact on both my family and the broader community. Specifically, I am referring to three key matters that have raised significant concern among residents in Petersburg:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->**Stormwater System Upgrades:** While my property may not be directly impacted by the stormwater upgrades, many residents further along the line are facing potential financial burdens of thousands of dollars. This needs to be addressed, as these costs could place a significant strain on many families.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->**Drinking Water System Upgrades:** While I fully understand the necessity of upgrading the water system, I believe the proposed timeline for these upgrades is overly aggressive. The lack of detailed information and clarity surrounding the project is concerning. Additionally, the inclusion of road replacement costs as part of the water upgrade project is unfair to residents. Given that these roads have not been significantly upgraded in over 60 years, it should be the township's responsibility to cover the costs of repairs, as part of the ongoing maintenance funded by our taxes.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->**Proposed 51% Tax Increase:** The proposed tax increase is alarming and difficult to comprehend. A 51% hike is unreasonable and raises questions about the accountability and transparency

of the process that led to this decision. This is a significant financial burden that should be carefully reconsidered.

I urge the Council to reconsider the rapid progression of these projects, to provide greater clarity and transparency, and to explore alternative solutions that will not unduly burden residents. We, the community, deserve to have more detailed discussions on these matters before decisions are finalized.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and hope that the concerns of Petersburg residents will be taken into account in the upcoming decisions.

Sincerely,
K. Daniel Schwartzentruber