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**Subject:** 2021 Tax Payment

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in regard to the tax increase for the 2021 payments. Starting in February 2021 our tax bill has increased by 3.4% from the same period in February 2020. The second payments starting in August of 2020 went up 8.6% so I'm sure that will be on the agenda this year also.

I noticed the biggest hit to your operating budget is a 2.1 million increase in staff salaries and benefits. During this COVID crisis all wages should be frozen. Politicians think they are your boss but let's get something straight we are their boss, they work for us the residents who pay taxes.

As a senior who worked in the private sector for 35 years when the economy was suffering we did not receive a raise for the last five years of employment.. Also, as a senior we have worked and saved our whole lives and do not receive any additional benefits through all this.

There are many problems to be solved, the long term care situation being one in a state of crisis which has gone on for years. I know this as my mother was in a nursing home ten years ago and this was going on then, all complaints went to deaf ears.

We all have cost of living expenses not just our government employees, it seems they are the only ones that matter.

Hopefully this letter doesn't go to "deaf " ears.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Patricia Slute