Detroit Board of Water Commissioners

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Greetings to each of you who now occupy the seat of policy-making position. One of which is your new water drainage charge program, which, according to your disposition, unjustly puts businesses, churches, Jewish temples and Islamic mosques at a devastating disadvantage. Your decision will no doubt lead to the closure and foreclosure of church congregations that are established to serve the community, but will also be less able to render any service to deter crime, save families, re-direct at-risk youth and strengthen communities, for the lack of resources that you will now take and use otherwise. You, from this point forward will bare the ungodly legacy of worsening the already struggling, disenfranchised, red-lined, and exploited citizens and churches of this city. I, along with my colleagues of the clergy ranks and faith-based community, call upon you Mr. Gary Brown and your supporting cast, to rescind this insensitive and impervious policy, call for a moratorium on the rate hikes for water drainage, give the community a chance to have fair input on what happens to their future, and desist from this egregiously asinine and unjust burden that you are putting on the very people you are supposed to representing.

Humbly Submitted,

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