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Sean T. Powers
President, Town Council
26 Central Street, Suite 16
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Re: Proposed Joint Resolution Addressing Rising Gas and Electricity Costs

Dear President Powers:

Enclosed please find a proposed joint resolution between myself and the Town Council that addresses the rising costs of gas and electricity which have become a significant concern for our residents here in West Springfield. The recent increases in utility rates have had a direct and troubling impact on many of our families, particularly those who are already facing financial strain due to inflation and other ongoing challenges.

This resolution requests that the Massachusetts State Legislature and/or the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities conduct an investigation into the causes of these rate increases and whether they are justified. It is critical that we ensure transparency in the pricing process and take steps to safeguard the financial well-being of our residents.

As elected officials, it is our duty to advocate for the best interests of our community. The pressure on household budgets from rising utility costs cannot be understated, and it is essential that we explore every avenue available to protect our residents from undue financial hardship.

I respectfully ask for the Council's support in adopting this joint resolution, which will send a clear message to the Massachusetts Legislature and the Department of Public Utilities that West Springfield is committed to standing up for its residents. Together, we can seek relief for our community and work toward a more equitable solution to the challenges posed by rising utility costs.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to working together with you to support the needs of West Springfield's residents. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

William C. Reichelt
Mayor

Enclosure

cc: Town Council
Otto Frizzell, Town Clerk