



Valley View Estates Homeowners Association

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City of Rapid City
Public Works Department
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

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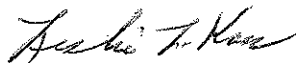
Dear Mr. Titus:

Valley View Estates has close to 100 homes with median household income. We have been serviced by a privately owned water system that has failed to meet EPA Safe Drinking Water Standards since 2004. Therefore, on behalf of Valley View Estates Home Owners Association, Inc. (Rainbow Water users), we would like to express our wholehearted support of the proposed East Rapid City Water Expansion project that will provide quality water to our subdivision.

The cost estimates for this project suggest that homeowners could face a surcharge of \$65 per month. This is extreme for median household incomes but compared to the cost we face now or filters, appliance replacement, clothing replacement and decreased property values we still support the project. We would however ask the council to seriously consider helping us by waiving the 150% water rates and not allowing the surcharge to exceed the \$65 mark.

This project is critical to our homeowners. Clearly our options for a source of safe drinking water are limited. We need your assistance and appreciate your consideration with our predicament.

Sincerely,



Leslie L. Koss
Valley View Estates Home Owners Association, Inc.
President
cc. Mayor's Office
City Council



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